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TO: All Design Personnel and Consultants

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SUBJECT: Cost Estimating Software

REVISES: *Indiana Design Manual*
Chapter 14 14-2.01(13), 14-2.03(10), 14-2.03(14)
Chapter 17 17-1.01
Chapter 20 20-1.03(01) – 1.03(05), 20-1.04, 20-2.01, 20-2.02(01) – (02),
20-2.02(04), 20-2.03

EFFECTIVE: Lettings on or after March 1, 2027

Background

INDOT has adopted AASHTOWare Project (AWP) Estimation for capital program construction cost estimating and will discontinue using the Cost Estimation System (CES) software, effective as noted.

Implementing AWP Estimation will enhance downstream compatibility with other AASHTOWare Project modules already in use by INDOT Contract Administration (AWP Preconstruction) and Construction (AWP Construction and Materials). In the future, estimates created in AWP Estimation during scoping will be viewable when the project is transitioned to the design phase.

Accessing AWP Estimation Software

Existing CES users will automatically be granted access to AWP Estimation. It is not necessary to submit a separate request.

External CES Users. External users will access AWP Estimation through Citrix. An AWP Estimation icon will appear next to the CES icon. The AWP Estimation username and password will be the same as that used to access CES.

Internal CES Users. Internal users will access AWP Estimation directly through the INDOT AASHTOWare Project website, <https://inawp.indot.in.gov/>. The username and password will be the same as those used to login to a State-issued computer. Internal users can find their AWP username [here](#).

New Users. Internal and external users who do not have an existing CES account should request an AASHTOWare Project Estimation account through [ITAP](#). The application request will be available starting September 22nd. Once an account has been created, the user will be notified via email. Access to the software will be as noted above.

Estimates

A design estimate is associated with a “project” within AWP Estimation. A project has been created for each active des. number in SPMS. Each project has been placed in the *Vendor Access* group for the design firm assigned in SPMS to that des. number. Contact INDOTCostEstimationSupport@indot.in.gov with questions about finding a project in AWP Estimation.

Implementation

- AWP Estimation will be available September 22nd, 2026. Citrix users will not see the AWP Estimation icon until this date. Please do not submit an access request.
- For January 2027 and February 2027 lettings, Contract Administration will accept cost estimates at RFC in CES or AWP Estimation. Designers should note in the Final Tracings submittal which program is being used.
- For the March 2027 letting and beyond, all cost estimates must be submitted to Contract Administration in AWP Estimation. Similar to current practice, designers will submit the final cost estimate directly to Contract Administration from the software.

During the transition from CES to AWP Estimation, designers should compare the previous CES estimate to current estimate calculated with AWP Estimation. Significant discrepancies should be reconciled. In the rare case where the discrepancies cannot be reconciled, using ad hoc prices within AWP Estimation to maintain the total cost of the previous estimate is acceptable through the end of fiscal year 2027. This includes projects up to and on the May 2027 letting.

Sunsetting Existing Cost Estimating Programs

- Access to existing estimates in CES is available through December 31, 2026.
- Access to Oman BidTabs is available through March 31, 2027. Training resources have been developed for importing estimates from BidTabs into AWP Estimation.

Training Resources

Training videos and guidance documents are available on the INDOT [AASHTOWare Project Hub](#) website. Additional information can also be found on the [INDOT Cost Estimating](#) webpage.

IDM and Editable Documents Revisions

The referenced sections of IDM Chapters [14](#), [17](#), and [20](#) have been revised to reflect these changes for design estimates.

The Final Tracings Checklist and Instructions, Contract Preparation Document, and the PS&E Checklist and Narrative have been revised to identify AWP Estimation as the authorized cost estimating software, update the steps to submit the estimate to Contract Administration, and update how to identify non-participating pay items.

Questions

For questions related to this design memo and for issues related to AWP Estimation account access, please contact INDOTCostEstimationSupport@indot.in.gov.