

AASHTOWare Project Estimation



Sandbox Projects

Printable Companion Handout

What is a Sandbox Project?

Every vendor access group has been given a sandbox project. The name of each project is “SANDBOX ##-#####”. The # symbol will match your Vendor Access Code. To view your Vendor Access Code, click on the Global Actions Menu → My Settings.

Example for Central Office Design Sandbox:

Project Overview

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Project	Type	Description
SANDBOX 00-0000600		🔍 SANDBOX PROJECT

These Sandbox projects can be used to create cost estimates for design projects that do not have a DES number, such as a 100% local project not going through INDOT letting. These projects can also be utilized for emergency projects that do not have a DES number in SPMS yet.

Initial work can be done in a cost estimate created in the Sandbox project, then copied to the actual project associated with the DES number once it's created. Use the following procedure to copy a cost estimate to another project:

1. Navigate to the Project Cost Estimate Summary Screen in the project created for your DES number (not the sandbox project)
2. Click on the blue carrot to the right of the “Add” button on the left portion of the screen.

Indiana Department of Transportation

Current Role: INDOT_DESIGN

Overview Project Cost Estimate Snapshots

Project Cost Estimate Summary

Project: 2600189 - Bridge 1 Jan Deck Overlay

Proposal:

General

Cost Estimates

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Cost Estimate Name	Estimate Type	Cost Estimate Total	Active	Control Cost Est
2600189_Est		414,943.45	Yes	☒
2600189_TestEst		323,418.28	Yes	☐

- The “Copy Project Cost Estimate” pop-up will appear. Name the new cost estimate in the “New Cost Estimate Name” textbox.

Copy Project Cost Estimate

New Cost Estimate Name*

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Select	Cost Estimate Name	Associated To	Estimate Type	Profile
☐	SANDBOX_ESTIMATE	SANDBOX 00-0000600		No

Add to Project

- Search for the sandbox cost estimate to bring it into the project by searching it with the text box. Once the cost estimate is selected, a green checkmark will appear to the left of the name.

Copy Project Cost Estimate

New Cost Estimate Name*

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Add to Project

- Click “Add to Project” in the bottom right corner.

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Select	Cost Estimate Name	Associated To	Estimate Type	Profile
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Add to Project

The cost estimate you created in the sandbox project will be copied to your current project.

An estimate within a Sandbox project will never be sent to Contract Administration. All estimates going to letting must be in a Project created from a DES number.

SPECIAL NOTE: *Within the Sandbox project, the same program-wide requirements are still in effect. Every estimate across the entire program must have a unique name. It's recommended to start each estimate name with your Vendor Access number or another unique serial number used to track the project and include a year (i.e. 00-000600DunesSP26).*

If you do not see a Sandbox project in your Vendor Access, contact
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