

LPA Specification Information

1. Choose the appropriate pay items from the DOTD Spec Items Report which can be found at http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Standard_Specifications/Pages/Standard%20Specifications.aspx
2. Contact your Project Manager for any updates to the Specification Book in order to ensure that standard DOTD items meet your project needs. If you see a listed Non-Standard (NS) or Technical Specification (TS) pay item that you think will apply, contact your Project Manager to get a copy of the associated specification and for direction as to what information is necessary for approval to use the specification.
 - a. NS and TS pay items designate items that have specifications that are not included in the Standard Specification book.
 - b. The intent is for TS items to indicate that a technical specification is required for the use of this item; however, this is a new item number format and there are already existing NS items created that require technical specifications. Over time these existing NS items which require technical specifications will be phased out, thereby, clearing up which items require technical specifications.
 - c. The intent is for NS items to be pre-approved specifications that do not change and can be used on any project, with the exception of NS-P## items.
 - d. An NS-P## (for example NS-P17) indicates that the specification was approved for parish-wide use in the parish indicated by the number following the P designation.

If you do not see a pay item that is applicable, write a specification and submit it to your Project Manager. Indicate if you wish it to be project specific or if you want it to be parish-wide. Parish-wide specifications should be specifications that do not have to be altered to be used on multiple projects. After review by appropriate DOTD sections, your Project Manager will give you recommended changes and/or pay item numbers for your specification. Your Project Manager will request that you submit a final version of the specification, incorporating the necessary changes, with a cover that is signed and stamped by the engineer of record for approval by the Chief Engineer and/or FHWA.

3. If want to use an existing DOTD pay item but do not want to use its associated specification, submit your desired specification to your Project Manager with documented engineering reasons for not using the DOTD specification. After review by appropriate DOTD sections, your Project Manager will give you recommended changes and/or pay item numbers for your specification. Your Project Manager will request that you submit a final version of the specification, incorporating the necessary changes, with a cover that is signed and stamped by the engineer of record for approval by the Chief Engineer and/or FHWA.
4. If you reference your standard plan or detail in your specification, attach a copy of your standard plan/detail to your specification.