

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Review of Proposed 2027 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) invites contractors, material suppliers, consultants, and other interested stakeholders to review and comment on the proposed 2027 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

Comments should identify the applicable Division, Section, or Subsection and include the proposed revision together with the basis for the recommended change whenever practicable.

The complete proposed 2027 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction is being published as a single document and is available at [ARDOT.gov/2027Specs](https://ardot.gov/2027Specs). To facilitate an efficient review process, comments are requested in accordance with the review schedule shown below. Comments may be submitted for any Division at any time after publication; however, to ensure consideration during the scheduled committee review, comments for each Division shall be received no later than the applicable deadline.

Comments for each Division should be submitted by the following deadlines:

Divisions	Comment Deadline
Division 400 – Asphalt Pavement Division 500 – Concrete Pavement	September 11, 2026
Division 200 – Earthwork Division 300 – Aggregate and Treated Base Courses	October 9, 2026
Division 600 – Incidental Construction Division 700 – Intelligent Transportation Systems	November 6, 2026
Division 800 – Structures Division 100 – General Provisions	December 4, 2026

The Department anticipates presenting the proposed 2027 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction to the Arkansas State Highway Commission for adoption in February 2027. Subject to Commission approval, the specifications are anticipated to become effective with the June 30, 2027 letting.

Following each comment deadline, the Department's Specification Committees will evaluate the comments received for the applicable Divisions. Revisions determined by the committees to improve the clarity, consistency, or technical accuracy of the specifications will be incorporated into subsequent drafts. Because the specifications remain under development, additional editorial and technical revisions may also be made before publication of the final 2027 Standard Specifications.

ARDOT appreciates the time and effort invested by industry in reviewing these proposed specifications. Your participation is an important part of developing clear, practical, and enforceable requirements for Arkansas highway construction projects.

Please submit comments by the applicable deadline to the Department's Specification Committee at 2027Specs@ardot.gov.