

June 23, 2017

Dear AASHTOWare Project Expedite™ Licensee:

Over the past twenty years, the AASHTOWare Project Expedite software has supported electronic bidding in over 45 AASHTO member agencies. Over the years, the technical foundation of AASHTOWare Project Expedite has become outdated while the code has become excessively complex to modify which prohibited certain enhancements from being incorporated into the old code. To keep in step with evolving technology and business requirements, AASHTO developed the AASHTOWare Project Bids™ software to replace AASHTOWare Project Expedite with a modern and more efficient code base and enhanced capabilities. The AASHTOWare Project Bids software development effort was funded by 16 AASHTO member agencies and released in December 2015. Since that time, there have been ongoing releases that delivered both maintenance and warranty fixes as well as technical upgrades.

With the production-ready availability and stability of the AASHTOWare Project Bids software, and with the goal of providing the most cost-effective product support, the AASHTOWare Project™ Task Force has determined the need to sunset the AASHTOWare Project Expedite software effective June 30, 2019. The two-year transition period should provide adequate time for agencies to transition to the new software before AASHTOWare Project Expedite support ceases.

Through the transition period, AASHTO will provide member agencies that continue to license AASHTOWare Project Expedite with the AASHTOWare Project Bids software at no additional cost. During this period, AASHTO will continue to provide support to the AASHTOWare Project Expedite licensees, but no enhancements, maintenance, or technology upgrades will be made to the software. Also during this period, support from the software development contractor, Info Tech, Inc., is available to member agencies to assist agencies with the transition.

Sunset of the AASHTOWare Project Expedite software on June 30, 2019 will result in the following:

1. AASHTO will retain ownership of the AASHTOWare Project Expedite software but will not provide an option for AASHTO member agencies to obtain the software after June 30, 2019.
2. All annual licenses to AASHTOWare Project Expedite will expire on June 30, 2019.
3. AASHTOWare Project Expedite license options will not be included in the FY 2020 AASHTOWare catalog and will no longer be available effective July 1, 2019.
4. All product support will cease on July 1, 2019, forty two (42) months after the release of AASHTOWare Project Bids.
5. Due to the third-party licensing and royalty agreement with Symantec for the encryption technology contained in the AASHTOWare Project Expedite software, all licensees will be

required to certify that all copies of the AASHTOWare Project Expedite software have been removed from their agency's systems. In addition, AASHTO will be unable to provide source code agreements to allow agencies to maintain the software at their own risk and expense.

6. By June 30, 2019, all agencies will need to migrate to the new AASHTOWare Project Bids software.

If you have any questions about this plan, please contact me at tbianchi@ashto.org or by calling 202-624-5821.

Sincerely,

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