

## The Oregon Qualified Products List - Users Guide

The Oregon Qualified Products List (QPL) is intended to provide specific information on products that have been evaluated by ODOT for use in highway construction.

Using the QPL will benefit many that are involved in the elements of highway construction.

- Designers will find a ready list of product suppliers that they can use when they have product questions when designing a roadway.
- Project Managers will find that they will spend less time working with what an "approved equal" is. The paperwork associated with material acceptance will be easier.
- Construction Inspectors may be required by the specs to use products from the QPL. This makes their job easier, because there is very less interpretation of the specs (as it relates to materials) that has to be done. Even in the areas where there is no requirement to use the QPL, it is still a source of product names for specific applications that will enhance his own experiences. Using the QPL will make it very clear which products are useable on a project.
- Contractors will find it easier to bid projects. They know what products will be useable for each category. They also will have a level playing field to work on, because the other contractors will be using the same list.
- The Purchasing Agent will find it easier to purchase products if they don't have to spend so much time working on the specs for a product. They would only have to reference the category of the QPL that they are interested in and list any special restrictions their customer has.
- The Manufacturer will have a tool in the hands of every contractor, project manager, designer, and inspector that has his product by name in it. Obviously he may have a few hurdles to accomplish in order to get his product on the QPL, but everyone will have the same requirements.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I have to use a product from the QPL?

A: It depends on the specifications. There are three general uses of the QPL in the Specifications.

- "No reference to the QPL" - Use a product that meets the specifications referenced or listed therein.
- "Use a product from the QPL, or one that meets the following specifications."
- "Use a product from the QPL."

Q: What is the Conditional List?

A: The "Conditional List" is a list of products that look promising, but do not have the history to be placed on the Qualified List. All uses of products on the "Conditional List" needs to have prior approval from the Construction Office. More information can be found at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/CONSTRUCTION/QPL/Docs/conditionally\\_approved\\_product.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/CONSTRUCTION/QPL/Docs/conditionally_approved_product.pdf)

Q: Can I use the QPL to purchase outside my delegated authority?

A: No. The QPL is only a material quality guide. It does not exempt anyone from the purchasing rules.

Q: How do I use the QPL?

A: The QPL has a list of qualified products for specific category and is sorted by specification number. There is an index in the front of the QPL that gives the specification number for each category. You will need to determine what the category is for your application.

Q: Can I use a product that is Qualified for one category in a different application?

A: Generally No. There may be a special occasion that this would be allowed, but prior approval must be obtained.

Q: Is the QPL on the internet?

A: Yes, the Internet address is:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/CONSTRUCTION/QPL/QPIndex.shtml>