

Standard Guidelines for Product Review  
**Seed – Roadside Development**  
**Section 01030**

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ODOT does NOT list grass seed or seed suppliers on the QPL.

We don't want imply that any seed automatically qualifies to be planted on an ODOT project. Seed needs to be selected for specific functions and also such criteria as whether it is native, whether it attracts big game to highway roadsides, whether it dies off quickly or persists, and numerous others. In some cases, it also may have to meet very strict criteria from an on environmental permit, such as not being invasive in an area with native grass populations we're trying to preserve.

Seed selection is a project design issue, where the seed mix designer knows the functions they're looking for and has a reference list of seeds to select from, such as a commercial supplier's catalogue or native species list. Showing seed on the QPL would promote the idea that there was some kind of automatically approved seed for given situations, which is not the case.

If you want a proprietary seed variety to be considered for use on ODOT projects, you can send a seed brochure with technical information to the following address:

Statewide Erosion Control Program Coordinator  
Oregon DOT Geo-Environmental Section  
355 Capital St NE Room 301  
Salem OR 97301-3871  
503-986-3551

Project seed mixes are shown in special provisions for that project. You can find our general specifications at the following website:

- ODOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/SPECS/>

<HTTP://WWW.OREGON.GOV/ODOT/HWY/CONSTRUCTION/QPL/QPINDEX.SHTML>