

## 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 is spelled out in ODOT Standard Specification, section 00160.05 and is integrated into ODOT's highway construction program.

- **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 reduced.
- **Construction Inspectors** may be required by the specification to use products from the QPL. This makes their job easier, because there is minimal interpretation of the specific material specifications that must be done. It is still a source of product identification for specific applications. This is true, even in areas where there is no requirement to use the QPL. Using the QPL will make it very clear which products are applicable for use on a project.
- **Contractors** will find it easier to bid on projects. They can know which products will be applicable for each category. They also will have a level playing field to work from, because all bidders will be using the same list.
- The **Purchasing Agent** will find it easier to purchase products. They won't have to spend as much time working on the specs for a product. They only reference the category of the QPL that interests them and list any of their customers' special restrictions.
- The **Manufacturer** will have a tool in the hands of every contractor, project manager, designer, and inspector. And it will have their product listed by name. All approved products listed had to meet the same requirements at the time of their specific approval.

### 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 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: 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. 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 application that this would be allowed, but prior approval must be obtained.

Q: Is the QPL on the internet?

A: Yes, the Internet address is:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Construction/Pages/Qualified-Products.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact the Product Evaluation Coordinator at:

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