

OSE Tip of the Day

Happy New Year!

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There may be no better way to start off the New Year than with a Tip of the Day. So, as Barbara Walters would say, "This is 2020!"

First, the OSE 2020 Manual has been revised and updated (*not again!*). Yes, the processes that were established by the procurement laws enacted last July and the subsequent regulations that followed have been incorporated into the Manual. And with full disclosure, we have also tried to correct all of those little items that always seem to sneak into what we thought was a complete and correct Manual. As you use the Manual and Forms, please let us know of any items we missed or forms that don't perform as intended.

Second, with the publishing of the new Manual and processes, future Tips of the Day (*Tip of the Days, Tips of the Days...whatever*), will address some of the processes. However, if you have a question about a particular subject, ask an OSE project manager to explain it to you and your staff.

Third, OSE will now be enforcing the 2018 ICC Codes. This transition time is always interesting because we want to use the latest Code; but, we also do not want to cause undue burden or increased design time (or cost) on a project that is currently under design. (*side note: I've always thought it funny that when we move to a new code, we treat the old code as if it were terrible and all buildings designed by "that" code are substandard*) If your project is already in design, please check with your OSE Project Manager to make sure the correct code is being followed.

Fourth, our Statewide Contract for Building Inspection and Material Testing has been re-solicited and awarded. The listing of firms can be found on the OSE website, <https://procurement.sc.gov/construction>, under the "OSE Contracts and Qualification Lists" bullet. The Excel sheet "2019-2024 Inspections Testing Firms" provides the company names, addresses, points of contact, phone numbers, email addresses, and a quick listing of the services each can provide. There is a footer at the bottom of each sheet that provides a website address for a complete listing of services and unit prices for each firm.

There's probably more, but I'll save those for future emailings.