Product Evaluation Program

Caltrans Product Evaluation Program (PEP) is dedicated to the objective, impartial, consistent and timely evaluation of products for use in the construction, maintenance, and operation of the State's transportation system. This includes new products and products to be added to existing Authorized Material Lists (AMLs). AMLs are specified in Caltrans specifications and are primarily a proactive measure used in conjunction with other acceptance activities as outlined in Department standards and guidance documents. Each new product is evaluated on the basis of performance, need, departmental priorities, and compliance with health, safety, and environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Eligible products must be fully developed, commercially available, and ready for use in the construction, maintenance, and operation of the State's transportation system.

Should I submit if my product meets Caltrans specifications?

If your product meets Caltrans specifications, you do not need to submit your product for evaluation. You may market your product to contractors who bid on Caltrans projects.

For Caltrans current specifications, visit our Construction Contract Standards:

Standard Plans and Specifications

Can my product be added to an existing Authorized Material List?

Your product must meet the current AML authorization criteria.

For Caltrans current AMLs, visit our AML Website

To submit your product for evaluation to be included to an existing AML, complete the following:

Check the current authorization criteria for the AML your product qualifies for.

Complete the Authorized Material List Submittal Form (TL-9502)*.

Submit your completed form via e-mail to New.Products@dot.ca.gov.

How do I submit my product for evaluation if it does not meet Caltrans specifications?

To submit request for evaluation of a product that does not meet current Caltrans specifications or established AML criteria, complete the following steps:

Check current Caltrans Specifications.

Complete the New Product Evaluation Form (TL-9501)*.

Submit your completed Product Evaluation Submittal Form via e-mail to New.Products@dot.ca.gov

Products that meet Caltrans needs will receive higher priority for consideration. Caltrans prioritizes needs annually. Because of limited resources, Caltrans cannot consider every product which may be used on State transportation facilities.

Questions? Contact the Product Evaluation Coordinator at New.Products@dot.ca.gov or at (916) 227-7373.

*Visit our Product Evaluation Program website