



September 10, 2020

To: Consultant Firms with Active Design Agreements

Dear Consultant Partner:

The Department is currently in the process of implementing the usage of Bentley's Open Roads Designer (ORD) software. The usage of ORD will be required for all new Department in-house designed projects effective October 1, 2020, and for projects up to 30% plans completion (Design Field View Stage) by April 30, 2021. Projects beyond the 30% plans completion may remain utilizing MicroStation and Inroads at the discretion of the ADE for Design.

Projects being co-designed with the Department are required to meet the timeframes above. All other consultant designed project requirements will be addressed at a later date. The District will coordinate with the Central Office CADD Unit in Systems Management for the determination if a highly complex design within Inroads SS2 should continue in SS2 or be converted over to ORD.

PennDOT's current ORD workspace is available on the CADD website. Additional Design Manual 3 guidance in relation to the ORD workspace will be forthcoming.

Training opportunities will be made available to Business Partners starting in January 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the rollout of the ORD software or training, please contact Kelly Barber at keluckenbi@pa.gov or Allen Melley at amelley@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa J. Batula".

Melissa J. Batula, P.E
Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration

Cc: Leeann Sherman, American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania