



Contract Design Change Proposals

Alternative designs connected with CDCP's are sought for the following:

- immediate cost savings;
- immediate benefit/value in areas that may not be easily quantified, such as reduced traffic disruption, addressing landowner issues or environmental impacts;
- longer-term benefit/value to the Department by reducing long term environmental impacts or the costs for future maintenance or construction;
- longer-term benefit/value to the Department on future projects through the use of new technology (innovation).

Regardless of the cost savings or benefits, a CDCP can only proceed if the overall intent, integrity and quality of the project are maintained without an increase in total life cycle costs to the Department, and the construction schedule/completion date for the new project is acceptable to the Department.

The CDCP process provides for the following as well:

- effective lines of communications maintained between the Department, the contractor and the Department's consultant during the CDCP process for a cooperative and effective approach to minimize confusion, misunderstandings and duplicated efforts or frustration between the parties;
- timely, objective and unbiased evaluation of a CDCP submission;
- details of the review process varying depending on the complexity, magnitude and scope of a CDCP.

As there may have been previous design options considered during the engineering and design phases of the project, contractors are encouraged to contact the Department to find out if a particular design, concept, material, product or technology had already been considered and discarded. The fact that a particular design may have been previously discarded does not necessarily mean the Department would automatically reject it in a CDCP from the contractor as current market conditions or specialized work methods, materials or technology that were not readily available at the time the original design was completed may make that design viable at the time of the CDCP.

When a CDCP submission is accepted by the Department, all changes to the contract resulting from the CDCP will be agreed to in writing by the Department and the contractor.