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MDOT Survey Software Prequalification Change

MDOT intends to transition to the Bentley Systems, Incorporated, products of PowerGEOPAK/ PowerCIVIL as the department's standard survey software. The vendor's development of these software packages will be continually monitored to ensure compliance with MDOT requirements. If at any time Bentley changes or discontinues a product, MDOT reserves the right to revise the prequalification requirements.

It has been brought to our attention that Bentley is not offering a cross-grade, or bundle option, for users who have existing contractual obligations on a Microstation + Geopak combination. For purposes of prequalification, this combination will be allowed, provided you are using a version number for GEOPAK that coincides with the MDOT current accepted version for PowerGEOPAK/PowerCIVIL.

A frequent request is for training on the product. MDOT is evaluating several options, including webinar hosting, cooperative opportunities with the vendor, and vendor provided courses. Bentley has notified the department of their intent to hold live training for consultants in the Lansing area in the near future. The consultant community should seek basic training on the new tools at their discretion. However, the department will need to provide training as it pertains to MDOT specific workflows and deliverables. Notification of these opportunities will be provided as they develop. A webinar will be hosted in the near future to help address this need. Other helpful resources may be found on the survey consultant .ftp site for download. Those in need of access to the .ftp should contact Greg Guikema via e-mail at guikemag@michigan.gov.

This transition will take place over the course of this fiscal year. Beginning **October 1, 2012**, the department will discontinue the requirement for the use of CAiCE as its standard design survey system and begin requiring PowerGEOPAK/PowerCIVIL. In order to maintain MDOT survey prequalification beyond October 1, 2012, each firm must provide written certification that they own the required software product and are proficient in its use. Please send this documentation to:

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425 West Ottawa Street
P.O. Box 30050
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Or overnight to:

425 West Ottawa Street
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Failure to provide the requested information by **October 1, 2012**, will result in the loss of your prequalification up until such time as the information is received and deemed adequate.

Thank you for your input and cooperation on this transition. If you have questions, please contact John Lobbestael, the MDOT Survey Support Unit Supervisor, at (517) 335-5550 or LobbestaelJ@michigan.gov.