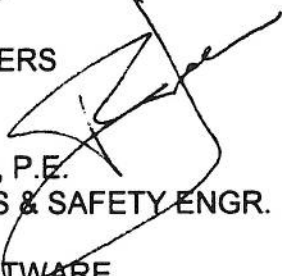


IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Department Memorandum

DATE: September 10, 2009
TO: DISTRICT ENGINEERS
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FROM: BRENT JENNINGS, P.E.
 HWY OPERATIONS & SAFETY ENGR.
RE: SIGN DESIGN SOFTWARE

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Inquiries have surfaced recently with regard to Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) standard software for sign fabrication. Since September 1, 2007 SignCAD has been the standard for sign files at ITD and still remains as the standard for all projects designed for ITD including those designed by Connecting Idaho Partners. Consultants who design signs for ITD are also required to use SignCAD; therefore, this notification will need to be distributed to all consultants who have been approved to do work for ITD.

The primary reason for the change is that Guidsign had been found to be inaccurate in its dimensioning which led to errors and change orders. The SignCAD software is more accurate and has the availability of making a correct vector sign file which can be used directly with plotters without having the sign file redone to make it compatible. Users report there are savings in hours when creating signs and therefore the software change is deemed an improvement.

Electronic SignCAD files for special signs on any project should be submitted to the Office of Highway Operations and Safety (OHOS) for forwarding to the ITD Central Sign Shop. These files will remain on file for future sign replacement and will insure that accuracy of sign fabrication is maintained throughout the state. SignCAD files should be named by project number and sent to the attention of Steve Holland at steve.holland@itd.idaho.gov. The information transmitted should include sign location by Route, segment code and milepost as they appear on the project. Special signs which do not appear on the ITD Sign Chart are the only files required to be submitted to the OHOS. All signs which are shown on the ITD Sign chart but are allowed to have variable size, legend or mileage are not required to be forwarded to OHOS.

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