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**SUBJECT:** SpecsIntact Version 5.4 and Ownership Transition

**CATEGORY:** Directive and Policy

## 1. References:

a. Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 1-300-02, Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard, With Change 3, 18 May 2021

<https://www.wbdg.org/ffc/dod/unified-facilities-criteria-ufc/ufc-1-300-02>

b. Engineer Regulation (ER) 1110-1-8155, Specifications:

[https://www.publications.usace.army.mil/Portals/76/Publications/EngineerRegulations/ER\\_1110-1-8155.pdf](https://www.publications.usace.army.mil/Portals/76/Publications/EngineerRegulations/ER_1110-1-8155.pdf)

c. SpecsIntact Website:

<https://specsintact.wbdg.org/>

d. SpecsIntact Knowledge Base - Release Notes:

[https://www.wbdg.org/tools/specsintact/KnowledgeBase/index.htm#t=First\\_Topic.htm](https://www.wbdg.org/tools/specsintact/KnowledgeBase/index.htm#t=First_Topic.htm)

e. CIO/G-6 Software App Portal:

<https://app-portal.usace.army.mil/>

2. **Purpose.** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) provides information about the shift in ownership of SpecsIntact to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and clarifies the requirement to use the latest version of the software.

3. **Applicability.** This ECB applies to all USACE project delivery team members utilizing the SpecsIntact software.

## 4. Background.

a. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), a participating organization in the Tri-service Unified Facilities Criteria Program, has transitioned out of the program at the start of fiscal year 2024. In preparation for their exit, SpecsIntact, originally owned by NASA, was transitioned to USACE on 3 April 2023, along with the supporting resources for the software.

b. SpecsIntact v5.4 was developed and launched on 28 July 2023, which replaces NASA technical support references with the new USACE technical support contacts ([specsintact@usace.army.mil](mailto:specsintact@usace.army.mil) and 256-895-5505).

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c. The SpecsIntact website is now hosted on the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) website (ref 1.c).

d. UFC 1-300-02 UFGS Format Standard explicitly states, "Use of SpecsIntact software and the UFGS database is mandatory." ER 1110-1-8155 Specifications further reinforces this requirement: "The use of SPECSINTACT is mandatory for production of all project specifications, except for overseas area projects designed to host nation standards."

## **5. Directive.**

a. All USACE SpecsIntact users are instructed to download the latest version of SpecsIntact (version 5.4) available on the CIO/G-6 Software App Portal.

b. All USACE users will continue to download the latest version of the software as releases become available on the CIO/G-6 Software App Portal in the future. This is important for ensuring that all engineering and construction work within USACE is based on the latest software, which may include critical updates, improvements, and bug fixes.

## **6. Additional Information.**

a. Updated UFGS are posted quarterly on the WBDG. From the February UFGS release, all NASA-specific sections ending in .00 40 will be archived and unavailable from SpecsIntact. Users are required to transition away from using NASA-specific sections. All unified UFGS sections where NASA was the Preparing Activity (PA) will be reassigned with a Tri-service Agency as the new PA. With this, NASA will be removed from the master headers along with all NASA references and tailoring options. This process started with the August 2023 release and is targeting completion by the February 2024 Release.

b. In addition to referencing the appropriate USACE technical support contacts (as mentioned in Para 4.b. of this ECB), there are many enhancements made in each version release of SpecsIntact, such as correcting issues from former versions. The list of enhancements for each version can be found on the SI Knowledge Base - Release Notes (ref 1.d.). SI Knowledge Base also compiles a list of known problems that the developers are actively working on for future releases and contains some effective work arounds for select issues.

c. All SpecsIntact resources have been moved to the Help Center on the new website on the WBDG. Users have access to several mediums of support ranging from learning guides and technical support (via web, email, and phone) to SpecsIntact eLearning modules, which are a comprehensive series of short, but in-depth video instructions.

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7. **Date of Applicability.** This ECB is effective immediately.

8. **Point of Contact.** HQUSACE point of contact for this ECB is Jansen Moon, CECW-EC, (202) 380-6681.

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