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Release of CAD Files

Except as noted below, CAD files are not provided to construction contract bidders, the awardee (contractor) or subcontractors. Contract documents, including plans, are provided in Portable Document Format (PDF). The AEC Applications unit has prepared technical reference materials on extending the utility of PDF contract plan sheets. See the [Repurposing PDF Contract Plan Sheets](http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=2288&Q=567262&PM=1) web page (<http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=2288&Q=567262&PM=1>).

Construction inspection and contract administration personnel are advised that construction contracts are controlled by the contract documents (e.g., PDF plans with authorized changes). Any ancillary information in conflict with the contract documents, regardless of its source, is invalid.

In conjunction with an emerging project delivery method or technology initiative, the Department may provide bidders and contractors with:

- CAD files of the Base Technical Concepts in conjunction with alternative contracting methods (e.g., Design-Build, Construction Manager/General Contractor and Construction Manager at Risk), and
- 3-D/2-D Engineered CAD models delivered as information only at project advertising for select projects (currently being piloted).

Except as noted by the preceding paragraph, construction-contract CAD files requested under the Freedom of Information Act shall be processed in consultation with Legal Services.

The lead Engineering division is responsible for decisions related to the release of CAD files. Other offices and units, including consultant inspection consultants, shall not facilitate requests or intervene on behalf of requesters.