

2014 EEDS Manual FAQ

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What is EEDS?

'EEDS' stands for **E**lectronic **E**ngineering **D**ata **S**tandards. EEDS applies to internal and external engineering data deliverables.

The original EEDS manual was published in July, 2006.

How do I apply the EEDS standards?

The EEDS standards are employed each time a project is created using the **WSDOT CAE Create Project** utility. The EEDS-compliant folder structure is created, along with project-specific documentation files and resources.

What has changed in the 2014 EEDS Manual?

- A **_DatumAndControl** standard folder structure was added to the Deliverables 5 chapter
- A new Deliverables 8 chapter was added for ProjectWise standards
- A Forms 6 chapter was added for the **ProjectWise Project Structure Request** form
- The manual format was updated from Times New Roman to the Calibri font in order to match the current WSDOT Design Manual
- The Survey folder usage was clarified for Design and Construction
- The InRoads geometry project process was clarified, specifically for setting access permissions on shared geometry files
- Language was added about container files for **_BaseFiles** and **ContractPlans** folders
- Right of Way Plans (CAD) file naming conventions were added in a new Deliverables 4.05 section
- The project naming process was emphasized in a new Deliverables 3.02 section
- Updates were made to the Right of Way and PS&E Symbology sections to account for new or modified levels

Why should project offices use the EEDS guidance?

The EEDS manual provides guidance for ‘field-to-finish’ engineering deliverables. Project offices shall adhere to the manual because of the merits to managing, transferring, and receiving data deliverables in an organized manner.

What are the impacts to inter-region communication?

Strategic and standardized deliverable conventions are important for CAD, Design, and Survey and construction staff. Without standards, work between phases and disciplines and between regions can be duplicated or incomplete. The EEDS manual has a straightforward folder naming scheme that allows deliverables to be passed forward – intact and documented – within an efficient system.

The overarching theme for the EEDS manual is to define the deliverables, and not detail specific processes that achieve that end. For example, the EEDS manual concentrates on the “what” instead of the “how”.

Is there training available for the EEDS Manual?

An eLearning module about the EEDS Manual is available for credit in the corporate LMS.

In the LMS Course Catalog, type in *wsdot eeds olt* in the search field (olt stands for online training).

The screenshot shows a search interface for a course catalog. At the top, it says "Course Catalog: Alphabetically" with a help icon. Below that is a search bar containing "wsdot eeds olt" and a "Go" button, along with an "Advanced Search" button. There are several filter tabs: "Featured Courses", "Bundles", "By Category", "Alphabetically" (which is selected), "ILT With Open Seats", and "ILT Calendar". Below the tabs, there is a prompt: "Select a letter range to view from the drop-down menu then click Show. Click Details or the next page button." Below this is a "Select Letter Range:" dropdown menu set to "(Any)" with a "Show" button. A status bar indicates "Displaying records 1-1 of a total of 1." The main result is for "WSDOT_EEDS_OLT" with details: "Training Type: Online Course Vendor: Duration: 1 hour Subscription Term: N/A". Below this is a "Description:" section with the text "WSDOT EEDS Manual Overview" and a "Details" button with a right-pointing arrow.

Click on the **Details** button and select the **OLT Activities** tab to launch the training.

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