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1. New Special Conditions Issued

SAO has issued new Special Conditions dated January 2005. Those Special Conditions are effective Jan. 1, 2005 and include new information and requirements as well as the requirements in the previous Special Conditions dated January 2004 and October 2004. Projects issued for bidding on or after Jan. 1, 2005 and that use the "State of Ohio Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction - Lead Contractor Project" version dated May 2003 must incorporate the new Special Conditions. The new document is available for downloading from the SAO Web site at <http://www.gsd.das.state.oh.us/sao/frontend.htm>.

2. New SAO College Courses for Spring

The upcoming SAO College will be offered at a new venue as part of the Ohio Design and Construction Expo held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on Feb. 2 and 3. Popular courses offered in the past will be repeated with two new courses added to the course agenda. A brief description of these two new courses is provided below:

"I'm Wrong, You're Wrong, We're All Wrong" (Design Conflict Resolutions) - This course provides open discussion that focuses on problem-solving scenarios. Case studies cover design conflicts as they relate to AE vs. contractor bids. There also will be discourse on how to quickly resolve issues and how to avoid potential litigation.

"Dodging the Bullet" (Prevailing Wages and Liens) - This course covers issues regarding prevailing wages and filing liens. Attendees can learn about their responsibilities regarding prevailing wages as well as state regulations and other pertinent information about liens.

Repeated courses with updated titles and information include the following:

- "If You Don't Have It, You Need To Get It! MasterFormat 2004" (CSI MasterFormat 2004)
- "Electronic Paperwork - an Oxymoron" (New SAO forms for Associates and CMs)
- "Disaster Relief, and It's Not about Hurricanes or Floods!" (Project partnering, claims and ADR)
- "Does It Ever End? Absolutely!" (Closing out a project)
- "Improving Your Odds For Making the Shortlist" (AE, CM and Consultant application process)
- "Mother Nature and Green Buildings" (Sustainable Design and the LEED program)
- "So I Made the Shortlist. Now How Do I Get a Contract?" (Securing the AE, CM and Consultant Contract)
- "Working With Building Authorities" (Building codes and permits)
- "On the EDGE" (EDGE program)
- "Up Front and Not So Personal" (May 2003 Front End application process)

The courses will be presented by an SAO staff expert in conjunction with a specialist from the architectural, construction or legal community, or from a state agency, state college or state university.

The registration fee is \$35 per course. Each day's sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Seminar graduates may be awarded up to 5.0 learning units from the American Institute of Architects, the Ohio Construction Industry Examination Board or the Society for Marketing Professional Services.

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1. Reminder: Register Now for SAO College

Don't forget to register for Spring 2005 SAO College. The SAO College Spring Semester 2005 will be part of the series of seminars and programs held in conjunction with the Ohio Design and Construction Expo, which will be held Feb. 2 and 3 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The expo, which is sponsored by the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio, is the largest trade show in Ohio.

For quick registration:

- Visit [www.das.ohio.gov/SAOCollege](http://www.das.ohio.gov/SAOCollege)
- Click "Spring 2005 Registration"  
(You will be routed to Builders Exchange's secured Web site)
- Select program
- Click "More Info" link
- Click "Register" link
- Complete registration form and, click "Submit"

The registration fee is \$35 per course. You have the option to pay by credit card, check or ISTV (intrastate transfer voucher). Payment also is accepted both days of the event. State employees also may use reimbursement funding sources from the Workforce Development Program's Professional Development Program (PDP) and Exempt Professional Development Program (EPDP) to attend the SAO College Spring Semester 2005. For more information on these programs, contact: 1-888-800-0074 or visit: [www.wdonline.org](http://www.wdonline.org)

For registration assistance, please contact Tiffany Plasencio of SAO at [tiffany.plasencio@das.state.oh.us](mailto:tiffany.plasencio@das.state.oh.us).

## 2. SAO College Course Agenda

Below is a brief description of the two new courses that have been added to the course agenda:

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### 3. SAO Forms Update

A new shorter version of the Contractor Payment Request form is now available. The new form can be used immediately and can be used on most projects. This newer version is identical in all aspects to the existing electronic version, except this new one has fewer continuation pages for the various segments of the document. The new electronic Contractor Payment Request form is available for downloading at: <http://www.gsd.das.state.oh.us/sao/Forms/MF140-01.htm>.

### 4.SAO Policy Updates

SAO has updated Policy GSD-SAO-09, Evaluations for Award of Construction Contracts (dated Nov.8, 2004) and can be found at: <http://www.gsd.das.state.oh.us/sao/policies.htm>.

Additionally, the DAS Directive 04-30 regarding the required use of domestic steel was updated Nov. 1, 2004, and also is available at: <http://www.gsd.das.state.oh.us/sao/policies.htm>.

### 5. Link to the January 2005 Ohio Register

The January 2005 Ohio Register has been posted to the Internet and can be viewed and printed at: <http://www.gsd.das.ohio.gov/sao/orb.html>.

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