

MWBPP

Panel Discussion

Bridge Product Approval Process and Regional Specifications

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The way I see it:

The present process is often **frustrating** to both States and Industry. Solving this problem has no easy answer. Ideally; Regional discussions and resolutions should evolve to the National level. But, initially getting a few states to find common ground will be a great foundation for future expanded success.

Product Approval


- What is the timeframe to get products approved?
- What regional states accept other regional states approved products?
- What is the best way to expedite product approval?

Regional Specifications Possibilities

- “Regional Specifications”
- Performance Specifications
- Warrantees
- Design Build Specifications
- Stale/Outdated Specs

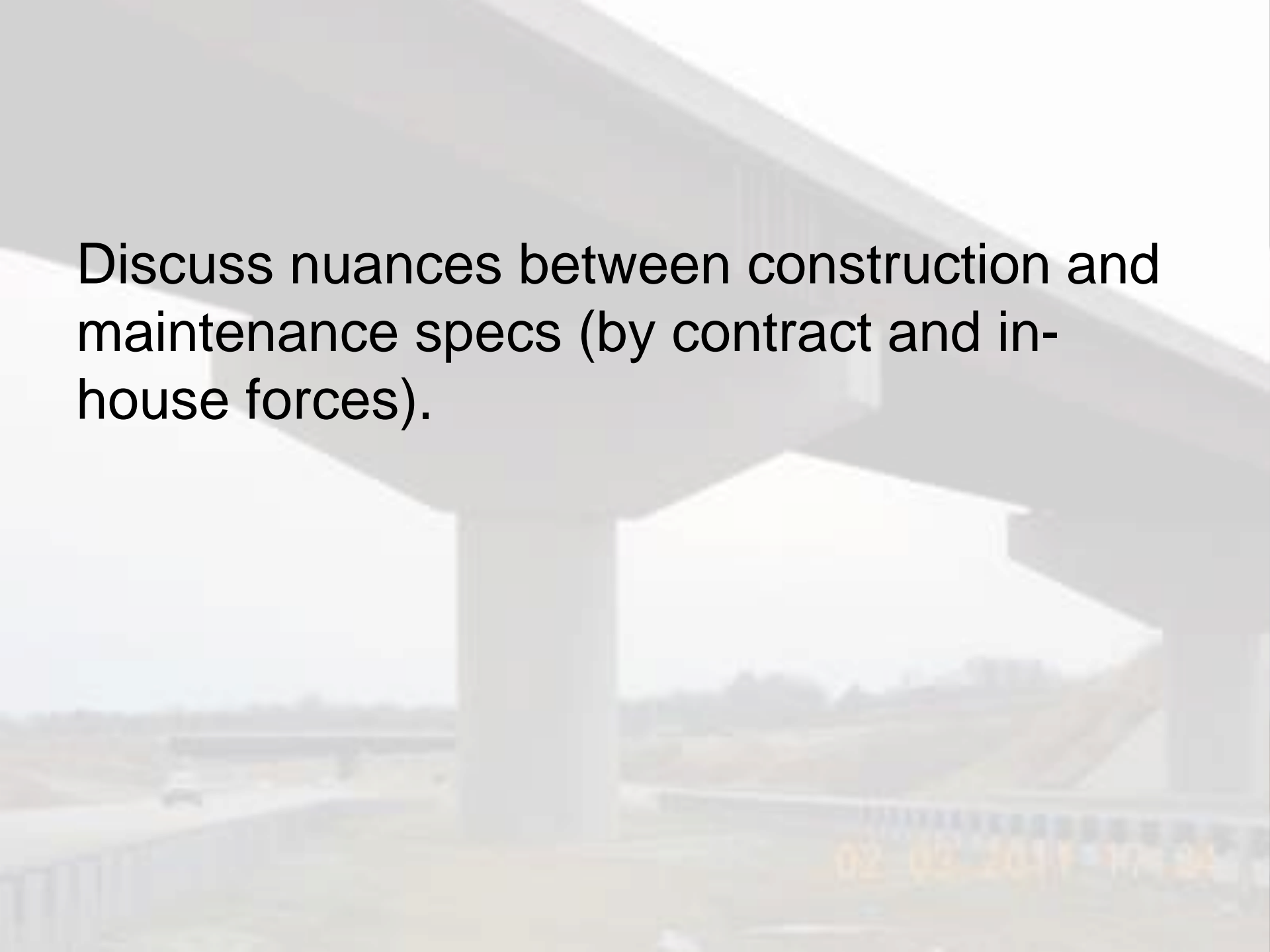
Example

Why are some states using products, methods, and Specs and others are not, but would like to?

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Discuss how to submit new products for review. What is most effective?

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The background image shows a modern building with a prominent, wide overhang. The building's facade is light-colored, possibly concrete or stone. Below the overhang, there are large, dark-framed windows or openings. The view through these openings shows a landscape with trees and a body of water under a bright sky. The overall image is slightly faded and has a soft focus.

Discuss nuances between construction and maintenance specs (by contract and in-house forces).

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