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Have You Heard?



Big Changes Coming Spring 2023!

NASA will be shifting ownership of SpecsIntact to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) -- managed by the Huntsville District. Although NASA is transferring ownership in the Spring of 2023, NASA will continue participation and support of SpecsIntact and the UFGS through the end of FY23. The decision to transfer SpecsIntact ownership was a mutual agreement by all parties. NASA and its partners are excited about the future of SpecsIntact as we launch into a new era of development and support.



Is SpecsIntact going away?

Absolutely not, SpecsIntact is here to stay!

How will this change affect me?

Collectively our goal is to make the transfer as seamless as possible for our customers. NASA, Army, and the SpecsIntact team are collaborating to ensure the smoothest transition possible. At the time of transition, there is the potential for a brief disruption of support while we move the SpecsIntact project to a new home.

What changes should I expect?

You should anticipate changes since SpecsIntact will be moved into a new environment!

The **SpecsIntact Website** is currently being redesigned and will be hosted on the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) Website, so the URLs will change. Following transition, the SpecsIntact team will continue to manage the new website.

The **SpecsIntact software** will continue to be available for download from the new website on the WBDG, which is planned to be fully operational at transition. NASA is committed to providing redirects that will automatically take you to the new website. At that time, we highly recommend updating your bookmarks!

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With this shift, the **Technical Support** contact information will also change to include a new Support Email Address and Phone Number. At transition, NASA will automatically forward all Technical Support Requests.

As soon as the new URLs, Support Email Address and Phone Numbers are available, we will share the new information as quickly as possible.

Army's Huntsville District has been proactive preparing for this transition by collaborating with NASA and the SI Team as well as working with the WBDG to develop and host the new website, while also configuring systems to ensure they are available upon transition.

How will this effect NASA's participation with the SpecsIntact project?

By the end of FY23, NASA will no longer have a controlling interest in the development of SpecsIntact.

How will this effect NASA's participation with the UFGS?

NASA will no longer be a contributing partner following FY23 and will withdraw from the UFGS and all Discipline Working Groups (DWG).

How will this effect the Sections containing NASA Tailoring Options?

That is a very good question! After FY23, the NASA Tailoring Options will be phased out of all UFGS Sections.

What will happen to the NASA owned Sections?

The thirty-two NASA **unified** Sections will be reassigned to one of the other participating services. This task has already begun and will continue through FY23.

What is going to happen to the NASA specific .40 Sections?

NASA is currently devising a plan in order to continue maintaining the NASA specific .40 Sections on the WBDG Website, separate of the UFGS Master. Additionally, there are a few of these Sections that will be reviewed by the other services to **consider adoption** as UFGS specifications.

Does this mean NASA can no longer use SpecsIntact?

Not necessarily! Although NASA will not continue to fund the development as a participating partner, they can continue to use SpecsIntact and the UFGS -- but not as an invested participant -- just as other non-government services do today!

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

~ Edward Everett Hale

Stay Tuned!

We kindly request that if you have additional questions you would like answered, please feel free to email us so we can consolidate all questions and answers. We want to avoid overloading our support team so they can focus on technical questions. As soon as more information becomes available, we will provide updates and address any questions we have received over the coming months! We appreciate your patience and understanding.

