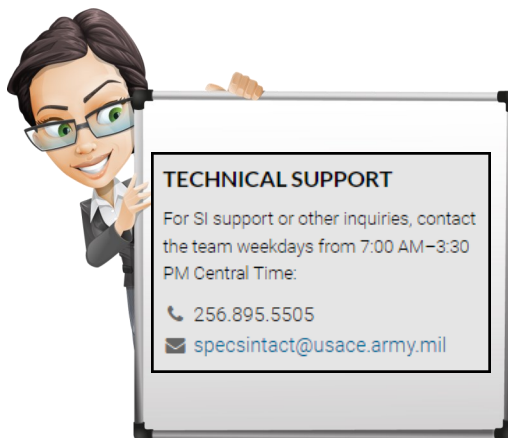# SPECSINTACT

Have You Heard?

It is Official!

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) assumed ownership and management of SpecsIntact on April 3, 2023. Working together, we successfully achieved our objective of ensuring a smooth transition and our efforts to minimize disruptions during the transition were a resounding success. With unwavering dedication, we seamlessly navigated the transition process.

What changes occurred?

The **SpecsIntact Website** is now hosted on the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Whole Building Design Guide Website (WBDG). The new URL is https://specsIntact.wbdg.org.

The **SpecsIntact software** is available for download from the SpecsIntact Website's Download page at https://specsintact.wbdg.org/software/download, the USACE CIO/G-6 Software App Portal or pushed to your system through your specific organization.

The **SpecsIntact Technical Support** contact information has changed, so please update your records to ensure you have the most up-to-date information.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For SI support or other inquiries, contact the team weekdays from 7:00 AM–3:30 PM Central Time:

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SpecsIntact v5.4

Released July 2023

It is crucial for SpecsIntact users to upgrade to v5.4 for maintaining compatibility with the latest software and UFGS Master updates, and technical support. It also provides access to enhanced features and ensures you're working with the most current construction specifications. Here's a summary of the key reasons for upgrading:

1) **Integrated Functionality**: Upgrading to SpecsIntact v5.4 ensures seamless integration between the software and the SpecsIntact Website. This integration is essential for receiving essential updates.

2) **Continuous Support**: By staying on the latest version, you guarantee you continue to receive technical support from the SpecsIntact Team. This support is invaluable for resolving any issues and maximizing the software's benefits.

3) **Enhanced Features**: SpecsIntact v5.4 introduces several improvements and enhancements that streamline the Specification process and improves the overall efficiency.

4) **Updated UFGS Master**: Updating SpecsIntact ensures that you have access to the latest Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Master. The UFGS Master is the DoD's authoritative source for construction specifications used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC).

Features

♦ SpecsIntact features new Supplemental Address List to automatically add local Reference Address to Section 01 42 00 'Sources for Reference Publications' for new Jobs.

♦ Streamlined SpecsIntact executable installation.

♦ New Section Summary Comments to manage Section Editing.

♦ Use Revisions when Renaming Sections.

♦ SpecsIntact supports loss of display monitor while running.

♦ New option to use Section headers and footers for reports and Project table of contents.

♦ SI Editor retains and reuses previous zoom settings.

♦ Editor automatically completes typed Tailoring Options and scrolls listed options into view.

♦ Editor retains vertical scroll position when undeleting redlines.

♦ Editor Validates for Reference Identifiers and Submittal Items with too many characters.

♦ Editor adds brackets around sample text inserted with new tags.

♦ SI Editor's 'Remove Tags' command (CTRL+M) available while editing Formatted Tables.

♦ Future UFGS may support enhanced Submittal Reconciliation.

♦ SI Explorer correctly handles saved Section comments.

♦ Formatted Tables published to Word in correct locations.

To learn more about these features, visit the SpecsIntact v5.4 Release Notes

UFGS Master

Big changes on the horizon!

With the departure of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) from the Tri-service Unified Facilities Criteria Program, all Unified UFGS Sections where NASA was the Preparing Activity (PA) have been reassigned to one of the other Tri-Service Agencies. As part of this change, NASA will be removed from the Master specifications headers along with all NASA references and Tailoring Options. This effort began with the August 2023 Release and is targeting completion by the February 2024 Release.

UFGS Changes and Revisions

Did you know that you can research the historical changes for the UFGS Sections? The National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) Website has released the 'UFGS Changes and Revisions' Tool that will allow you to lookup the changes for a particular release or for individual Sections.

In order to assist our customers SpecsIntact offers two convenient methods to easily access the UFGS Changes and Revisions Page and the UFGS Section History. To access the UFGS Changes and Revisions from the SI Explorer go to the **Help** Menu and *select* **UFGS Changes and Revisions**. To View the history of a particular UFGS Section, from the SI Explorer, select a Section and then go to the **Sections** menu or *right-click* and *select* '**Change/Revision History'...**'

Criteria Change Request (CCR)

SpecsIntact also provides the capability to easily submit a Technical or Non-Technical change for a UFGS Section. To submit a CCR through the SI Explorer, select a UFGS Section, go to the **Tools** Menu or *right-click* and *select* '**Submit UFGS CCR…**'

2024 UFGS Release Schedule

Quarter	Release Month	Release Date
1	February	Thursday, February 22, 2024
2	May	Thursday, May 30, 2024
3	August	Thursday, August 22, 2024
4	November	Thursday, November 21, 2024

How Do I Send My Feedback?

It's simple, From SpecsIntact 5 go to **Tools** > **Software Change Requests** > **Create/Edit Form**. If you are sending us new ideas, *select* **Enhancement**. If it is a problem you are reporting, *select* **Problem On This Computer** or **Problem On another Computer** and then *select* the **E-mail SI** button. You can also email our Technical Support Desk directly at SpecsIntact@usace.army.mil.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know how we are doing!