

Q: Is there a date for Design Consultants to get upgraded to V2.13a?

A: Please upgrade ASAP. The Cabinet has rolled out the new version and we want everyone to be using the same version immediately. Our PS&E group is already using 2.13a.

Q: Are there standard values for the Contingency percentage? Does the Cabinet have set values for milestones (PL&G, Joint Inspection, Final Estimate)?

A: Per the Highway Design Manual, HD-204, for estimates subtotaling less than \$1 million, use 15%. Over \$1 million, use 10%. For PL&G, this is a project-by-project determination. If you have a Miscellaneous bid item, a higher contingency may not be necessary. For JI and Final, most items should be accounted for, thus dictating a standard contingency.

Q: Are there standard rates for Lump Sum Bid Items (Clearing and Grubbing, Maintain and Control Traffic, etc.)?

A: These vary on a project-by-project basis. Refer to past similar estimates, unit bid tabulations on Construction Procurement's website or by discussing with the Project Manager.

Q: Is it acceptable to look up the latest average unit bid price on the Construction Procurement website if Estimator does not have a bid history for a particular item?

A: It is strongly encouraged to use the latest average unit bid price in absence of a Bid History in Estimator, found at this link: <http://transportation.ky.gov/Construction-Procurement/Pages/Average-Unit-Bid-Prices.aspx>