

Standardization Resources on the World Wide Web



Defense Standardization Program [<http://www.dsp.dla.mil/>]
DoD policy is to promote standardization of materiel, facilities, and engineering practices to improve military operational readiness, reduce total ownership costs, and reduce acquisition cycle time. It is also DoD policy to state requirements in performance terms, wherever practical, and to make maximum use of non-Government standards and commercial technologies, products, and practices. To pursue these policies, there is a single, integrated DSP and a uniform series of specifications, standards, and related documents.



ASSIST On-line [assist.daps.mil/online/]
The ASSIST-Online is a robust, comprehensive web site providing access to current information associated with military and federal specifications and standards in the management of the Defense Standardization Program (DSP). Managed by the DoD Single Stock Point (DoDSSP), Philadelphia, ASSIST-Online provides public access to standardization documents over the Internet. ASSIST-Online includes many powerful reporting features and an exhaustive collection of both digital and warehouse documents. ASSIST is the official source of DoD specifications and standards.



GIDEP [www.giddep.corona.navy.mil/]
GIDEP (Government-Industry Data Exchange Program) is a cooperative activity between government and industry participants seeking to reduce or eliminate expenditures of resources by making maximum use of existing information. The program provides a media to exchange technical information essential during research, design, development, production and operational phases of the life cycle of systems, facilities and equipment.



Turbo SpecRight! [www.acq-ref.navy.mil/specright/]
Turbo SpecRight! is a tool for converting to or developing performance-based specifications.

Navy Provides Help with Performance-Based Specs

The Navy designed the web-based tool, Turbo SpecRight!, to assist the acquisition community in understanding and implementing performance-based specifications. Turbo SpecRight! helps users learn how to develop new specifications, how to convert military specifications (MIL-SPECs) into performance-based specifications (MIL-PRFs), and provides general and specific information on preparing specifications. It leads the user through the process of selecting the appropriate type of specification for the intended acquisition and suggests methods for salvaging important information contained

in MIL-SPECs being proposed for cancellation.

Throughout the various topics contained in Turbo SpecRight! "best practices" are provided which may be specification and standards reform. Turbo SpecRight! is not a template for preparing specifications. Instead, it provides guidance on moving through the twists and turns of specification policy. Turbo SpecRight! is intended to provide an intellectual guideline or tutorial process for generation of performance specifications. While the "how to" links are there, and the writing tools are provided, the thrust is to aid the decision processes in selecting the right type of specification to meet the offeror's needs, and when appropriate, in conversion from detail to performance specifications.

Turbo SpecRight! will help acquisition professionals to develop a rational, prioritized, cost-sensitive approach to

managing the specification writing and conversion process. When a decision is made to execute a specification conversion, this tool will fully support the conversion process with the aim of assisting the creation of a quality product that will pass scrutiny and challenges throughout the entire review and approval cycle, and best meet the user's needs.