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**The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee
Releases Four Updated Engineering Documents**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., October 28, 2015—The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC[®]) today released four updated documents from its Engineering series:

- EJCDC[®] E-560 Standard Form of Agreement Between Engineer and Land Surveyor
- EJCDC[®] -564 Standard Form of Agreement Engineer and Geotechnical Engineer
- EJCDC[®] E-568 Standard Form of Agreement Engineer and Architect
- EJCDC[®] E-530 Standard Form of Agreement Owner and Geotechnical Engineer

The newly released, updated editions of EJCDC[®] E-560, E-564, and E-568 are consultant agreements between the Engineer and its specialty consultants. All follow the 2014 edition of EJCDC[®] E-570 as closely as the unique nature of each specialty service allows. The primary differences between these consultant agreements and E-570 are in the scope of professional services found in Exhibit A.

The 2014 edition of EJCDC[®] E-570 was updated to coordinate with the 2013 edition of EJCDC's Construction (C-series) documents, including EJCDC[®] C-700, the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract. E-570 was also coordinated with the recently published 2014 edition of EJCDC[®] E-500, Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services. E-570 reflects changes to C-700 and E-500 on Change Proposals, Treatment of Defective Work, and establishing a Notice of Acceptability.

The newly updated edition of EJCDC[®] E-530, Agreement between Owner and Geotechnical Engineer, complies as closely with the corresponding provisions of 2014 edition of EJCDC[®] E-500 as the specific needs of an Owner's typical geotechnical engineering scope allow. The 2015 editions E-530 and E-564 acknowledge that an Owner typically retains a geotechnical engineer for site exploration and investigation, and testing services, while an engineering firm typically engages a geotechnical engineer to

provide design services, and perhaps support construction. Thus the suggested scope of services in E-530 is more limited than that in E-564.

In updating the newly released documents, EJCDC aimed for uniformity with all its documents. The updated document definitions conform to the 2013 C Series definitions, except where there is a need to avoid confusion between the tiers (Owner-Engineer, Engineer-Consultant and Owner-Contractor) of agreements, or to recognize a special situation such as a multiple “Sites” in land surveyor or geotechnical services.

Updates also follow the E-500 use of the term “Constructor” to refer to all those who participate in the construction at the site. This allows the Engineer to clearly define and organize the consultants’ obligations relative to all Constructors.

EJCDC included input from specialty practitioners in updating the documents, to identify new practices and technologies impacting each specific document. EJCDC also made changes in the structure of the document scoping to improve flexibility and functionality of each individual document. (A list of specific changes to each updated document can be found [\[link to Summary of Changes\]](#) here.)

The 2015 editions of EJCDC[®] E-560, E-564, E-568 and E-530 are formatted in easy-to-use Microsoft Word. There is no software to install or learn, saving users precious time and money. The documents are downloaded at the time of purchase and saved directly to the user’s computer. They can be customized easily to suit each project’s unique goals and regulatory requirements.

Since 1975, EJCDC has developed and updated fair and objective standard documents that represent the latest and best thinking in contractual relations between all parties involved in engineering design and construction projects.

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- the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE);
- the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); and
- the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

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