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**READY TO LIST  
AND  
CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACT AWARD GUIDE  
(RTL GUIDE)**



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## INTRODUCTION

The *Ready to List and Construction Contract Award Guide (RTL Guide)* captures in one location the requirements governing construction contracting from Federal and State laws, the Federal Highway Administration and Department Policies. The basis for many of the Department's construction contracting policies is Public Contract Code Section 100-102 "Purpose and Preliminary Matters, which establishes the objectives of protecting public funds from misuse, stimulating competition conducive to sound fiscal practices, and eliminating favoritism, fraud, and corruption," and 23 CFR 635.104, 23 CFR 635.112 and 23 US Code Section 112. The Streets & Highway Code authorizes the Department to establish standards for the construction and maintenance of the state highways and the Government Code provides Caltrans and Caltrans employees with Design Immunity as long as our contracts are prepared in conformity with approved standards.

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