

## From January 13, 2017, Obtaining AASHTOWare Bridge Rating Software

The April 15, 2016, IDOT Bureau of Local Roads, [Circular Letter 2016-10](#), Section D, Results/Impacts stated "...beginning July 1, 2017, all new construction, rehabilitations, and other work affecting the load capacity of a structure, will require a load rating analysis, and submittal of the plans and load rating results to the Department" for local structures.

To facilitate the load rating analysis of structures, the Department has obtained the Agency Sponsored Consultant Licensing option from [AASHTOWare](#) for AASHTOWare Bridge Rating™. The license will allow consultants and local agencies who perform load ratings for the Department to obtain an *AASHTOWare Bridge Rating Agency Sponsored Consultant License* and the software free of charge for use on rating Illinois bridges.

Consultants or local agencies can email the [Bridge Management Unit](#) to start the process to obtain their license. The email needs to include the firm name, contact person, address, phone number, email address, the local agency or agencies being worked for and number of licenses requested.

After the consultant has been verified to be performing load ratings for the local agency, IDOT will respond with additional instructions to navigate the AASHTOWare registration and ordering process for the rating software.