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AASHTOWARE BRIDGE RATING SOFTWARE

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The April 15, 2016, IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets [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 public agency 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 public agencies performing load ratings for the Department to obtain an *AASHTOWare Bridge Rating Agency Sponsored Consultant License*; the software is free of charge for use for load rating Illinois bridges.

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

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

Questions regarding this circular letter may be directed to the Local Policy and Technology Unit at (217) 785-5048 or DOT.LocalPolicy@illinois.gov.

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