

## PRICE HISTORY – New TxDOT Specification Issues

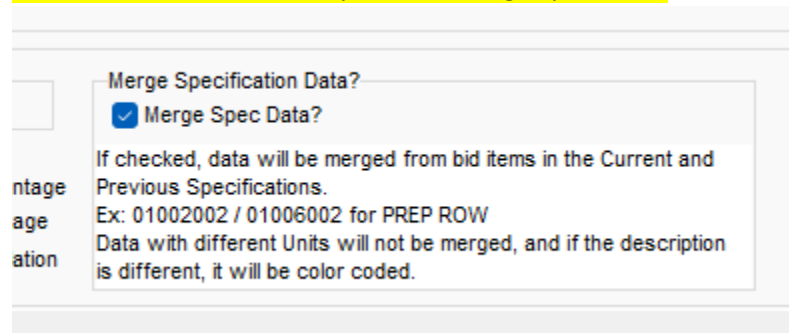
When TxDOT issues a new specification book, it changes one digit in the bid item code to designate which specification book the bid item adheres to. For an 8 digit bid code, this is the fifth digit.

This breaks the Price History feature in several ways.

- Initially we have little to no historical data for the bid items with the new bid code spec digit
- A large number of bid codes will not match their predecessor. That is 01047001 will not match 01046001 in description.

How our Price History feature of our EasyLinkPro software tries to handle this

First, be sure to check the option to “Merge Spec Data”



The screenshot shows a software interface with a checkbox labeled "Merge Specification Data?". The checkbox is checked, and the text "Merge Spec Data?" is displayed next to it. Below the checkbox, there is a description: "If checked, data will be merged from bid items in the Current and Previous Specifications. Ex: 01002002 / 01006002 for PREP ROW. Data with different Units will not be merged, and if the description is different, it will be color coded." The interface also shows a partial label "ntage age ation" on the left side.

When Spec data is merged, it will be color coded to denote that the data may not be clean for a given bid item, or at least the data came from the older specification. You can often find the correct bid item data under a different code by looking at the page for the individual contractor prices for each item.

As months go by, the data will get much better as contractors bid on jobs under the new specification.

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