



# Welcome to DIME



## What is DIME?

- Data Interchange for Materials Engineering (DIME) is a web-based application (available at [dime.dot.ca.gov](http://dime.dot.ca.gov)) developed by the California Department of Transportation, Materials Engineering & Testing Services (METS).
- DIME allows material testing laboratories and contractors to submit sample information and test data to Caltrans' database via the internet.

## Why use DIME, and what are the benefits?

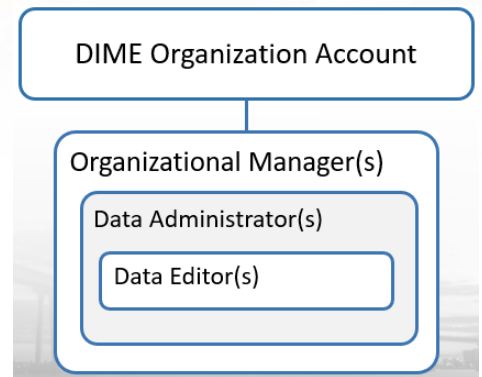
- DIME is a critical part of the project delivery process to track quality and compliance metrics of structural and roadway materials used on California's highways.
- DIME is a centralized database to share material data with Caltrans project personnel. It has a user-friendly interface and built-in functionality to assist Caltrans labs.
- METS is working with the Division of Construction and district field laboratories to adopt DIME as the Statewide database by January 1, 2023.

## How to get started using DIME?

- First, go to [DIME.dot.ca.gov](http://DIME.dot.ca.gov) and follow the instructions to register for a **DIME Organization Account**. Once a DIME Administrator approves your request, you will receive email instructions on logging into DIME.

## What are DIME user roles and their general permissions?

- **Data Editor** – can add and modify sample and test records
- **Data Administrator** – has all the access rights of a data editor but can also verify, supersede, and delete test records
- **Organizational Manager** – has all the access rights of a data administrator but can also manage users and actions relating to their organization account



## Best practices for DIME Organization Account structure:

- The **DIME Organization Account** is the name of your unit, i.e., CT D04 - Concord Field Laboratory.
- The **Organizational Manager** is your unit's laboratory manager or of an equivalent position.
- The **Data Administrator** is your unit's engineering technician, lead, or of an equivalent position.
- The **Data Editor** is your unit's engineering technician or of an equivalent position.

For additional help, visit our DIME website for FAQs, video tutorials, and example forms.

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