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The following are general definitions and abbreviations for the structure inspection program within the State of Maryland:

OOS	Office of Structures (OOS), State Highway Administration
LA	Local Agency which includes all non-federal and non-SHA bridge owners in Maryland.
Bridge	A structure meeting the definition of a NBIS bridge. This includes all structures carrying vehicular traffic with an opening measured along the centerline of the roadway > 20 feet. This includes extreme ends of multiple boxes and multiple pipes where the clear distance between openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous opening.
Small Structure	Bridges and Culverts having an opening measured along the centerline of the roadway ≥ 5 feet but ≤ 20 feet. Bridges and culverts ≥ 3 feet and < 5 feet where the depth of fill over it measures less than the size of the opening. Retaining walls ≥ 6 feet. Also retaining walls ≥ 3 feet but < 6 where the distance to the edge of road is less than the height of the exposed wall.
NBIS	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 23 (Highways) Part 650 (Bridges, Structures and Hydraulics), Subpart C-National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS).
MBE	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Manual for Bridge Evaluation (MBE)
SIRE	Structures Inspection and Remedial Engineering (SIRE), Office of Structures, State Highway Administration
SIA	Structure Inventory and Appraisal (SIA)
MDTA	Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)
SAM	Structure Asset Management (SAM) program
SIA Guide	MDOT SHA's Guide for Completing Structure Inventory and Appraisal Input Forms