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Request for Change
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Proposed Change:	For fields greyed out in FIMS for data entry, have FIMS populate alpha data fields with "N/A". Or consider changing the color of the background.				
Justification:	When using the Ad Hoc Tool, blank alpha fields will appear blank at a glance.				
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FAC Remarks:	<p>08/17/2016 – FAC Not Recommended. Satisfying this request as written is problematic. The Oracle database software does not have the capability to color fields as they are extracted indicating if they are valid or not for a certain Ownership, Property Type and in some cases Status. To try and accomplish via the ad-hoc reporting tool would significantly degrade the performance of the tool as each cell written to a spreadsheet would be subject to validation routine to determine if a value should be retrieved or a "N/A" inserted into the cell. If the cells were to be color coded, the output would be subject to the same validation routine which would significantly impact performance and lengthen the wait time for results of queries. The intent of the ad-hoc tool is to retrieve data from the database in an efficient manner and not be used as a tool to identify blank fields. There are population queries already in place that will do that.</p> <p>Recognizing the importance of this to Larry Bridges, the FIMS support team is willing to provide Larry with a spreadsheet that includes a listing of each FIMS data element and identifying whether it is required, optional or does not apply based on</p>				

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	Property Type and Ownership. These sheets will have to be developed by the FIMS support team. If Larry is interested in this solution, please contact FIMS support and these sheets will be developed by the FIMS support team.
OAM Remarks:	
FDDC Remarks:	
Implemented:	