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TO: FIMS User Community

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SUBJECT: Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) Version 1.18 Release

Today, Monday, August 27, 2007, version 1.18 of the Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) was released. This release was largely necessitated by the data requirements that were defined by the Federal Real Property Council and changes to the entry process for the Estimated Disposition Year. These enhancements are automatically available to you when you log into FIMS from your browser. The following system enhancements are included in this release:

- The edits for the Estimated Disposition Year have been modified to allow entry into this field without having to set the Excess Indicator equal to "Yes".
- A new data element, Lease Authority, has been added to the Ingrant1 window for all DOE and Contractor Leased Buildings, OSF's, Land, and Trailer records. This field must be fully populated by FRPC data element population date of November 30, 2007. The Lease Authority field has been defined as a picklist field and offers the following four options.
  - **Independent Statutory Authority (IS)**  
Authority to acquire leased space that originates in a statute enacted into law. This may be an agencywide standing authority to acquire leased space or it may be singular authority granted to acquire leased space for a specific activity of a federal agency.
  - **Categorical Space - Delegation from GSA (CS)**  
A standing delegation of authority from the Administrator of General Services to a Federal agency to acquire a type of space, such as antennas, depots, piers, and greenhouses. The full list of space types Included In the categorical space delegation may be found at FMR 102-73.155.
  - **Special Purpose Space - Delegation from GSA (SP)**  
A standing delegation of authority from the Administrator of General Services to specific federal agencies to lease their own special purpose space. The full list of agencies that have special purpose space delegations and the types of special purpose space they can lease may be found at FMR 102-73.170 through FMR 102-73.225.
  - **Provider of Choice Authority - Delegation from GSA (PC)**  
The Administrator of General Services has issued a standing delegation of authority (under a program formerly known as "Can't Beat GSA Leasing", now referred to as "Provider of Choice") to the heads of all Federal agencies to accomplish all functions relating to leasing of general purpose space for terms of up to 20 years and below prospectus level requirements, regardless of geographic location. General purpose space is defined as office and related space, as well as warehouse space.

- References to FIS and MARS have been removed from various standard reports since these acronyms no longer apply. Reports that experienced these minor modifications were 001, 006, 012, 030, 039, 040, 041, 048, 050, 078, and 079.
- The FIMS User's and Reporting Guides have been updated to reflect all of the above changes.

If you have any questions related to these enhancements, please contact the FIMS Hotline at 301-903-0850. You can also email Mark Gordy ([mark.gordy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:mark.gordy@hq.doe.gov)) or Gayle Smith ([gayle.smith@hq.doe.gov](mailto:gayle.smith@hq.doe.gov)).