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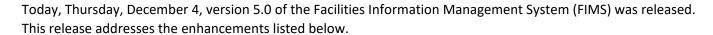Office of Asset Management (MA-50)

Subject: Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) Version 5.0 Release

Today, Thursday, December 4, version 5.0 of the Facilities Information Management System (FIMS) was released. This release addresses the enhancements listed below.

Overall System Refresh

CAIS is now fully integrated into FIMS, which was the major driver for this release. This will enhance the user experience by having easier access to real property data, condition assessment information, independent cost estimating and lifecycle cost estimating through an improved user interface. It is important to note that this release does not alter the functionality that used to reside in CAIS. We have simply changed the way you access this functionality.

From the FIMS Property List, you now have direct access to condition assessment information that previously resided in CAIS. Assessment Detail and the IU List have now been combined into a single screen for enhanced access. Additional enhancements have been incorporated to allow for customization of the IU List that is now saved for future sessions as well as the ability to assign a designated name to user defined fields.

All RPV cost estimates now reside within the RPV module which used to be in CAIS but is now available from FIMS. This module is very similar to the RPV functionality previously found in FIMS. For convenience, RPV Factor has been added to the RPV module and all previous RPV estimates that originated from CAIS are now identified as FIMS generated RPV values.

Condition assessment customization is now accomplished from the newly consolidated site and area level window in FIMS. This area of FIMS represents a consolidation of FIMS operating cost data in addition to condition assessment functionality and data elements previously found at the site/area level in CAIS.

Reporting with FIMS is now easier as all report options are now available under a single selection from the menu. For the condition assessment ad hoc tool, the IU level and IU Detail level options have been consolidated into a single selection. This allows Sites to have access to all the IU level information from a single click as opposed to having to generate each separately.

The menu options within FIMS have been enhanced to include functionality that was previously found in CAIS. This includes the Estimating Module, Projects Module, RS Means search, condition assessment upload and mobile inspections formally called Mobile IU.

The user administration within FIMS has been enhanced so that all user access is controlled from a single option within FIMS. Some security levels within FIMS have been renamed.

- FIMS System Administrator has been renamed to HQ Administrator

- Field Office System Administrator has been renamed to Field Office Administrator
- Guest has been renamed to Read Only

A new security level called Site Administrator has been added to FIMS. This was necessary to accommodate some previous CAIS users. All previous CAIS users have had their security levels migrated to the FIMS security levels based on our analysis of their CAIS and FIMS access. Administrators can make adjustments to the security levels, if needed.

The FIMS User's Guide is in the process of being redesigned. It will represent a consolidation of the FIMS and CAIS User Guides. This document will be available by mid-to-late December. A new document, Data Element Dictionary, has been developed that includes data element definitions for FIMS, condition assessment and AAIM data elements. This document also includes Usage Code definitions that were previously found in the FIMS User's Guide. The Report Samples document has been updated to include all condition assessment standard reports.

If you have any questions related to these enhancements associated with the FIMS 5.0 release, please contact the FIMS Help Desk via email at fims_cais_help@hq.doe.gov.