

CAS/CAIS Network Meeting Summary
DOE Nevada Site Office
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Specifics for many of the topics mentioned here are contained in presentations that can be downloaded from the CAS web site at <http://cas.hr.doe.gov/sofdoc.htm>.

For questions or omissions, please contact Teri Clayton (806-477-7829) or Dan Soper (702-295-5230).

- RS Means demonstrated a projection model for required maintenance and life cycle replacement costs based on their Facilities Maintenance & Repair Cost Data tables and life cycle tables. This will be mated with the standard RS Means and DOE building models in FIMS as well as any modified model developed in CostWorks. It was presented for comments and an aggressive schedule is being sought for production.
- RS Means demonstrated some of the modifications to the CostWorks software that was recently released to DOE sites to allow modification of standard RS Means and custom DOE facility models. Being able to edit and customize a model to a specific facility will lead to a more accurate Replacement Plant Value (RPV).
- RS Information Systems (RSIS), the HQ contractor managing CAIS, demonstrated the progress that has been made in developing the Web based version of CAIS. It is scheduled to be ready for production near the end of FY05. When implemented the Web based database will not require the sometimes cumbersome site firewall rules connection problems and local site IT support for client software updates.
- Gary Horn (OECM) provided an overview over the Federal Real Property Council data requirements for FIMS and the President's Management Agenda for facilities. Details can be obtained at <http://cas.hr.doe.gov/sofdoc.htm>.
- There was discussion concerning a CAIS/FIMS Working Group that is trying to form. This group would be a liaison between the two user groups and provided a mutual support system for issues affecting both groups.

The following people volunteered to be part of the CAIS/FIMS Working Group:

- Teri Clayton (Pantex)
- Gary Hoe (Sandia National Lab)
- Mike Horn (Nevada Test Site)
- David Peebles (Y-12)

-- Dan Soper (Nevada Test Site)

Additional volunteers will be solicited from the FIMS community. A target date of May 31 was set for the initial group to provide a list of topics and issues that need to be discussed with the FIMS user community.

- Discussion was held on the updated CAIS User Group Charter that had been submitted for comments and approval of the group. The discussion led to a realization that in the last three years the group has concentrated on making needed improvements to the software. This had consumed the majority of our time together as a group. With the software improvement nearing its completion, the group needed to return more to its roots by sharing their best practices and lessons learned concerning performing condition assessments and recording and reporting those results. It was also noted that the inspectors should be brought back into this group to benefit from these best practices and lessons learned as well as discussions amongst their peers on how to best perform the inspections in an effort to standardize the process complex wide. The charter will be revised and resubmitted with this new scope and direction addressed.
- For 2005, the group agreed that another CAS/CAIS Network Meeting should take place in October. The proposed location is Santa Fe, NM. The group co-chairs will investigate the availability of conference facilities during the first and last weeks of October.