

# Network Noise

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## Tip of the Month

Ken Rowe

### What's on the CAS Web Page?

The CAS web page is one of the best sources of information about the CAS Program and the CAIS software. The table below lists some of the useful information available on our web site.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Link</b>	<b>Comments</b>
CAS Home Page	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/</a>	
Introduction to CAS/CAIS	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/intro.htm">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/intro.htm</a>	Links on this page include: CAIS 2000 Introduction CAIS 2000 Overview
CAS Community	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/comm.htm">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/comm.htm</a>	A link to the Netlist – a list of all people associated with CAS is located here.
CAIS Software and Documents	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/sofdoc.htm">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/sofdoc.htm</a>	Links to the following items are here: NIST Report 6389 – Uniformat II CAS WBS Breakdown chart Centralization Project Plan Centralization Project Status CAIS Software Description The CAS Deficiency Standards and Inspection Manuals
CAIS Facts	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/facts.htm">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/facts.htm</a>	CAIS Costing Overview CAS System Life Tables
CAIS Software Development	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/sofdev.asp">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/sofdev.asp</a>	Links for downloading the software releases and patches.

		A password is required to access this page.
CAS News and Events	<a href="http://cas.hr.doe.gov/new.htm">http://cas.hr.doe.gov/new.htm</a>	Links to all Network Noise articles are here. Links to presentations from the October, 2003 Users Conference in Santa Fe are here.

## Baker's Byline

*Ken Baker*

**Funding for CAIS & FIMS** – The FIMS Data Development Committee, their board of directors, meeting resulted in budgets for CAIS and FIMS. The committee is made up of Program Office representatives. For CAIS only a slight increase from last year. Efforts will be focused on centralization, project formulation, site enhancements, a web study and exploring links between Maximo and Passport to CAIS. Funds from EE, NE and FE will be requested to cover support costs for their sites. Funds for FIMS were requested for RS Means CostWorks and 31 new RPV models. The board agreed to use CostWorks but Science wanted to review the RPV models being sponsored by LBNL and ANL-E. Until the review is finished, the 21 SC models are on hold. The OSF Utility models being sponsored by NNSA were approved and will be funded by the PSO FIMS funders. *SO CRANK UP THE BIG COPIERS AND SEND YOUR UTILITY "AS-BUILTS" OF YOUR WATER TREATMENT, SEWAGE, STEAM, COMPRESSED AIR, CHILLED WATER, AND ELECTRIC AND NAT. GAS SYSTEMS TO BOB GAIR.* We did take names for "as built" promises at the CAIS meeting!

Bob's address is:

Robert Gair  
63 Smiths Lane  
Kingston, MA 02364-0800

**CostWorks** – Work on adopting CostWorks for DOE use will be underway shortly. The CAIS & FIMS contractors met with RS Means to discuss changes in each database for CostWorks to work for us. For more on CostWorks go to the CAS web page and read all about it in the last CAIS User's Group meeting minutes. We believe it is an excellent tool for the sites cost estimators to fine tune and modify the generic FIMS models. We will be proposing modifications to the Common Adders and providing FIMS information regarding Model square footage ranges, OSF capacities, and façade changes.

**RPV Models** – The existing RPV models are undergoing additional QA reviews by LLNL and comrade Siegfried. Any omissions in model assemblies should be sent to Chuck Siegfried. We (Chuck and the Kens) will be making a pilgrimage to cost estimating heaven, Kingston, MA. in December. These QA results will not appear in the model updates until the FY 2005 release.



*Mark and Ken in Santa Fe*

## **FAREWELL**

This will be my last byline column. My fourth retirement announcement will be my last. I will be checking out on January 2, 2004. I have had a fascinating, and challenging experience as the CAS/CAIS technical monitor. But after 12 years in this role and over 35 years as a “fed” it is time to move on and enjoy some free time. It certainly has been fun working with everyone on CAS/CAIS. You have made the good times great and the bad times better than they would have been otherwise.

The future is very bright for CAIS. I have relished my involvement with the CAS program and am extremely proud of our association and the great strides we have made in this team effort. The team maintaining CAIS is the best we have had on the project. They are not leaving! By this time next year, you should be testing the CAIS web version. Working as a team you can handle whatever they throw at you.

I will miss the camaraderie that we had and used to make CAIS a success. I will miss the “fine” dining experiences from Geronimo’s and the

Old House to the Hogg Smoke and the Cowgirl. But I will be checking with the “boys” from time to time to find out what is going on with CAS/CAIS, Ken’s love life, and if BNL has finally finished their study for adopting CAIS.

Farewell my friends take care...  
Ken



## **Nevada Test Site**

*Dan Soper*

The new fiscal year has arrived and we are busy conducting CAS Surveys on this year’s list of facilities. The big difference this year is that our inspector team which is currently made up of 3 full time craftsmen are entering their own

data into CAIS. Previously we have used a clerk to enter the data which freed up our inspection team to perform more surveys. In an effort to produce more accurate data we adopted this method which I understand is common at other CAIS sites. Unfortunately this has drastically reduced the number of surveys we can perform. My hope is that their proficiency rate will increase soon and we will be able to meet our quotas by the end of the year. I'm open for any suggestions from other sites on ways to make this transition less painful.

We have completed our baseline of 360 active facilities in the last two years and are working on surveys for 48 recently activated facilities and an update of 26 previously surveyed facilities to include life cycle issues.

For those of you familiar with our operation here I'd like to announce a change of command in our group. Steele Coddington has moved to another position and Rhyan Andrews is now the Manager of Work Control which includes the CAIS Program. Rhyan came over from the Site Maintenance Manager position with a facility and OSF background. Rhyan will be at the CAIS Training in February as well as the User Meeting in March and is looking forward to meeting all of you.

## Thoughts from the Chair

*Terry Christie*

We have reserved the training room in Las Vegas for a week. The CAS inspector training is a two day session. The dates for this training are:

Duration: 2 days (we are offering two identical sessions)

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> session is February 2-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> session is February 4-5

Location: DOE Nevada Site Office (in North Las Vegas)

If you are interested please call Dennis McDermitt at (301) 903-0987 to reserve your seat.

The next LCAM/CAS Network meeting will be held March 16-18 in Las Vegas. The meeting will be held at the DOE facility and you will be responsible for obtaining your own hotel rooms. I hope all will begin making plans to attend this meeting.

We had a great meeting in Santa Fe and are very sorry that we will not be having Ken and Marlene Baker's presence in the future. We have thoroughly enjoyed their friendship and will greatly miss them. I wish Ken the best in whatever his future endeavors might be. We hope to see you again!!!!

Let this serve as a reminder that the next conference call will be held on December 17 due to a conflict with the second Wednesday. The time for this call is 11:00 Eastern time and the phone number will be 301-903-7081. This will be Ken Baker's last conference call so please try to take time to say good bye.

