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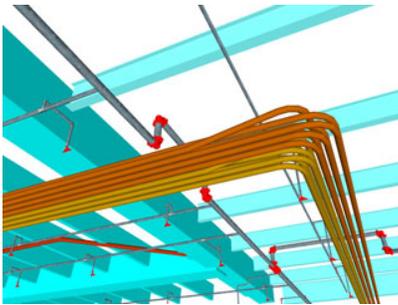
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SAO seeks input on BIM



The State Architect's Office is beginning a process to develop protocols for the specification of building information modeling (BIM) for design/construction projects of public facilities.

The State of Ohio Standard Requirements for Public Facility Construction defines BIM is a digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility; a shared knowledge resource for information about a facility forming a reliable basis for decisions during its life-cycle, which is defined as existing from earliest conception to demolition.

To supplement our current fact-finding stage, we have developed a short survey to assess the current level of BIM adoption within Ohio's design and construction industry. SAO seeks your input by requesting the completion of our online survey by April 30. [Click here](#) to complete the electronic survey which will take approximately 8 to 10 minutes.

During the next several months SAO will be engaging public owner representatives from state agencies and universities, followed by representatives from industry associations, to assist in our development of BIM protocols for the State of Ohio. Please stay tuned to future issues of *SAO eNews* for updates and results of our development efforts.

New staff members welcomed

SAO would like to welcome several new employees to our staff: Carol Carpenter, Kyle Gillum, Patrick Love, John McCready, Carol Pavsek, Catherine Radwanski and Carmen Tipple.

Carol Carpenter serves as the capital planning services coordinator assisting SAO, state agencies and institutions of higher education with their capital planning needs. Carol holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Missouri - Columbia. Previously Carol worked in estimating and project management for a general contractor in the Columbus area.

Patrick Love serves as an energy specialist for SAO. Patrick is a LEED accredited professional and holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio University. Previously he worked for more than 11 years in the consulting engineering business in Ohio. The energy services section of the State Architect's Office provides energy assessment and auditing, energy-responsive design and performance contracting that promote efficient use of energy resources in state facilities.

Registered Architect John McCready joins SAO serving as a project manager in the corrections segment. John received a technical degree in drafting and design from North Central State College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Akron University. He also attended graduate school at the University of Colorado and is a LEED accredited professional.

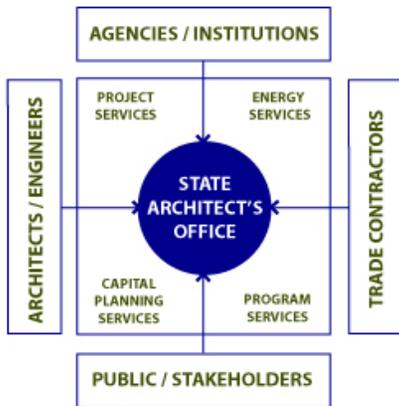
Carol Pavsek is a registered architect serving as a project manager for SAO's higher education segment. Carol holds a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a licensed architect in five states, holds an NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards) certificate and is a LEED accredited professional.

Catherine Radwanski serves as a project manager for the agency segment of SAO. Catherine is a registered architect and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in architecture and a master's degree from Kent State University in architecture / urban planning.

Carmen Tipple is SAO's capital planning analyst assisting with the management of SAO's fiscal operations and financial planning. She is a notary public for the State of Ohio and continues to work on her bachelor's degree in finance. Carol brings more than 20 years of finance and accounting experience to the capital planning team.

In addition, Kyle Gillum joined our staff within the last few days. Kyle is an account clerk with the capital planning services team.

SAO reaches out to small businesses



In March SAO program services team members Lane Beougher and Christina Ringley attended the 2010 Ohio Business Matchmaker event in Dayton. This annual event matches government agencies and prime contractors with qualified small businesses, including veteran, minority and women-owned businesses. The all-day event enabled SAO to meet one-on-one with a variety of businesses to explain our unique contracting opportunities, provide insight on how to obtain current and upcoming procurement opportunities and to describe a general overview of our services.

Each year, SAO attends a variety of other events and meetings as part of our outreach plan to educate organizations on ways to obtain information about state government business opportunities. Other outreach events have included educating members of the Society for Professional Marketing Services on ways to improve their statements of qualifications for professional design services. Most recently, SAO attended the annual Akron-Canton Construction Specifications Institute New Product and Technology Show in Akron on April 8.

Organizations interested in scheduling outreach events with the State Architect's Office should contact SAO Program Services Coordinator Christina Ringley at christina.ringley@das.state.oh.us.

Standard Requirements update

As we reported in a previous issue, SAO has been working closely with the Attorney General's Office and DAS Legal Counsel to develop a number of significant updates to our agreements, contracts and conditions. At the end of November, we released six professional services agreements and associated supporting documents. In mid-January, we released freshened versions of the State of Ohio Standard Requirements for Public Facility Construction. The updates addressed 139 comments received from our clients. While we did not incorporate every suggestion, we gave each one serious consideration in a collaborative process with the Business Counsel Section and Construction Litigation Group at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, DAS Legal Counsel and the SAO Senior Team members.

One of the most important aspects of the new documents, as we move forward with implementation of the OAKS Capital Improvements Web-based Project management System (OAKS CI), is the identification of OAKS CI business processes in appropriate locations throughout the documents. The new edition also includes sustainable design provisions using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, Life Cycle Cost Analysis, coordination with an independent commissioning agent, and provisions to allow use of building information modeling tools with collaborative sharing of electronic files.

We also made a number of minor revisions to our A/E and CM Amendments to coordinate with the new Standard Requirements. The new Standard Requirements documents are available on the SAO website at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on "Standard Requirements"). PDF versions of the new Agreements and Amendments also are available on the SAO website (click on "Forms"). State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education performing local administration may download Word versions of these Agreements and Amendments from the DAS FTP Site. Representatives at the state agencies and/or institutions of higher education may contact Christina Ringley at christina.ringley@das.state.oh.us or at 614.644.5016 for login instructions.

DRC opens new segregation housing and medical facility at Pickaway Correctional Institution



The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has completed the new two-story segregation housing and medical facility and associated sitework at the Pickaway Correctional Institution in Orient.

The 74,423-square-foot facility is used to separate certain inmates from the general population for protective custody, administrative detention, disciplinary detention, segregation and other security reasons.

The medical facility consists of five areas: an outpatient clinic, dialysis unit, medical housing unit, infirmary and common medical support areas.

The \$20 million facility was designed by Renouveau Design of Columbus. Contractors for the project included Performance Site Company, R.W. Setterlin Building Company, TP Mechanical Contractors, J.A. Guy and Royal Electric Construction. SAO representatives for the project were Project Manager Vijay Bhalla and Project Coordinator Barbara Taylor.



OAKS CI upgraded and enhanced



OAKS Capital Improvements (OAKS CI) was recently upgraded and several enhancements were made.

Skire Unifier version 9.2.2 has been included in this upgrade. Unifier 9.2.2 provides full support for Internet Explorer 8.0 without the use of compatibility view mode. Unifier will continue to work with currently supported versions of Internet Explorer 6.0 and Internet Explorer 7.0. Unifier 9.2.2 also provides several usability enhancements to the "find" function.

In addition, three enhancements to OAKS CI also will be introduced. First, the EDGE data collection process has changed. The "Additional EDGE Information" and "Additional Subcontractor Information" blocks were moved from the Subcontractor Material Supplier Declaration business process to the Prevailing Wage business process. These blocks collect information about EDGE participation by material suppliers and subcontractors that was previously collected on the contractor payment request form prior to the implementation of OAKS CI. By moving these blocks to the Prevailing Wage business process, which is submitted with each pay request, collection of the information is returned to a more logical point in the work process.

Next, two new business processes were added to OAKS CI: the Contractor Evaluation business process and the Architect/Engineer Evaluation business process. These business processes support the existing SAO contractor and professional design forms and processes.

Finally, a project template has been created to support SAO energy capital projects.

If a user encounters any issues related to these upgrades, please contact the OAKS help desk at 614.644.6625 or at oaks.helpdesk@oaks.state.oh.us for assistance.

2010 SAO College planned for August

The annual SAO College event, sponsored by the State Architect's Office, will take place this August in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. The final dates in August have not yet been determined.

SAO College educates interested parties on the proper design and construction management of state projects. It is attended by architects, engineers, trade contractors, agencies, institutions of higher education and other organizations.

Stay tuned to future issues of SAO eNews or check the SAO website at <http://www.ohio.gov/sao> for more information and final dates.

SAO bids farewell to several employees

Several long-term employees of the State Architect's Office have retired or moved on to other career opportunities. SAO would like to thank the following employees for their years of dedication and quality service to our office and the State of Ohio: Berdie Cotton, Fred Holcomb, Yvonne (Yogi) Gerhart, Sally Llanaeza, Elizabeth Lowery and Kathy Stewart. Berdie, Fred, Yogi and Sally have retired from state government. Elizabeth and Kathy have moved on to new career opportunities.

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