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#### 1. CIMS update

The Capital Improvements Management System (CIMS) project team continues to meet with potential state agency and state-supported college/university partners to assist with the implementation of CIMS. Most recently the team held meetings with representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to assist with the implementation of CIMS. Presentations with other potential partners will be held in the near future.

The contractor for the project, Skire, Inc., will be here the week of April 9 to meet with project core team members to begin planning the tasks for the project. Requirements affirmation sessions will begin in May and will include core team members and subject matter experts from state agencies and state-supported colleges/universities that have partnered with SAO for the project.

Any state agency or state-supported college/university representative interested in being involved with the CIMS project may contact SAO Fiscal Officer Fred Holcomb at 614.466.0830 or [fred.holcomb@das.state.oh.us](mailto:fred.holcomb@das.state.oh.us).

#### 2. Deadline for SAO College 2007 make-up sessions

The registration deadline to attend the SAO College make-up sessions is Friday, April 6. The make-up classes include "Pay Me Now, or Pay Me Later...SAO's Electronic Forms," "Growing Your Business with the EDGE Program" and "Insider Secrets to Successful Code Compliance."

All three classes will be held on April 11 at the General Services Division, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228-1395. To register send an e-mail to Angie Carder at [angie.carder@das.state.oh.us](mailto:angie.carder@das.state.oh.us).

For more information, go to the SAO Web site at [www.ohio.gov/sao](http://www.ohio.gov/sao) and click on "SAO College."

#### 3. Architect position re-posted

Interested registered architects are encouraged to apply for an architect position within the State Architect's Office. SAO has re-posted one architect position to the State of Ohio employment opportunity Web site. This position serves as a project manager and reports to a deputy state architect. There is little design, in the traditional sense, related to the position; rather, the successful candidate will manage projects during all phases from programming through post-occupancy.

Applicants must be architects licensed by the State of Ohio. Additional information is available on the state Web site at [www.stateofohiojobs.com](http://www.stateofohiojobs.com). Applicants may apply electronically or submit an application to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Employee Services, 30 E. Broad St., Room 4001, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3414. The posting will remain open until the position is filled.

#### 4. New Ohio University Baker Center

Several members of SAO attended the opening celebration of the new \$48 million Baker University Center at Ohio University in February. The 292,000 square-foot building serves as a link between the upper and lower campus areas of the university, has five floors and includes a dining facility accommodating up to 400.

Moody/Nolan of Columbus and WTW Architects of Pittsburgh, Pa., designed the center while Smoot Construction of Columbus served as the general trades contractor.

SAO has showcased a photo of the new center on their home page at [www.ohio.gov/sao](http://www.ohio.gov/sao). For additional photos and more information about the project, click on "project profiles" at the above Web site and scroll down to Ohio University Baker University Center.

#### 5. Feedback request: BIM

SAO would like feedback regarding the design and construction industry's knowledge and use of BIM (Building Information Modeling). The National Institute of Building Standards defines BIM as a "digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility. A BIM is a shared knowledge resource for information about a facility forming a reliable basis for decisions during its life-cycle; defined as existing from earliest conception to demolition."

To complete a short survey about BIM, please follow this link and respond no later than April 30 at 5 p.m.: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=875833603640>. Thank you!

#### 6. "Schematic Design using eQuest" training scheduled for April 5

The Columbus Green Building Forum (CGBF) is hosting an all-day training session on "Schematic Design using eQuest" on April 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Franklin University, Phillips Hall Room 220.

eQuest enables users to quickly and accurately estimate the energy use impacts of building design options within their own design projects. The hands-on workshop is suitable for all building industry professionals including architects, designers, engineers, facility managers, product manufacturers, building owners and students. Instruction will emphasize the schematic design level of analysis in support of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Pre-registration is required. Registration fee is \$149 and attendees are responsible for their own Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP laptop. (If computer rental is needed for the workshop, please add \$90 to the fee.) Free parking, breakfast and lunch is included. The fee is payable in advance through CGBF's on-line secure payment processing system using a credit card at [www.cgbf.org](http://www.cgbf.org). Only cash or checks are accepted at the venue. For questions, e-mail Meera Parthasarathy at [meera@cgbf.org](mailto:meera@cgbf.org).

#### 7. April Ohio Register

SAO has posted the April 2007 issue of the Ohio Register to the SAO Web site. The Ohio Register is available on the first business day of each month at [www.ohio.gov/sao](http://www.ohio.gov/sao) (click on Ohio Register).

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