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1. New project number system

If you've looked at the Ohio Register this month, you may have noticed a subtle, but very significant difference in project numbers listed on the individual requests for qualifications. The SAO project number is also the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS) project number due to OAKS going live with a new statewide accounting system on July 1.

The familiar format of 100-2007-001 has become DAS-070001. Both numbers have a similar arrangement of agency code, followed by the year and finally a sequence number. OAKS is using the alphabetical agency code instead of the old state accounting system numerical codes. This sequence should be easier to remember.

Since the new fiscal year began July 1, the projects beginning after that date will reflect "08" as the fiscal year. The last four digits is the sequence number. In the old scheme the sequence number was a three-digit number and was unique across the state. Since agencies are now assigning their own numbers, they are unique within the agency. As a result, there are several projects from different agencies in the current Ohio Register with a sequence number of "0001."

We have posted a list of the agency code conversions as well as a list of current SAO projects with both project numbers on our Web site at <http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd/sao/New/info/oaksprojnumbers.xls>.

2. CIMS Update

Core team members and subject matter experts for the Capital Improvements Module System (CIMS) received three days of training by representatives from Skire, Inc. on their Unifer™ software the week of June 11. In addition, Skire representatives, core team members and subject matter experts participated in sessions the week of June 25 to confirm design documents of the business processes that have been completed to date.

Requirements affirmation sessions will take place this month. The CIMS team will discuss a new group of business processes in each of these sessions which will result in design documents for the team to review and approve.

CIMS is a Web-based project management system that will be available to all state agencies and state supported colleges and universities as well as SAO. It is estimated that, when fully implemented in mid-2008, this system will save the state approximately \$2.4 million annually. For more information about CIMS, contact SAO Fiscal Officer Fred Holcomb at 614.466.0830 or fred.holcomb@das.state.oh.us.

3. Are you the next State Architect?

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services is seeking an experienced and motivated professional to lead the State Architect's Office as the State Architect. The position will manage the planning, development, design and construction involved in state building projects, and will direct statewide initiatives in energy efficiency and space planning. Extensive project experience, excellent communication, strategic planning and leadership skills will be critical elements of this position.

The State of Ohio offers a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits package, and a professional working environment.

Applicants must be an architect licensed by the State of Ohio. To view complete job description, important job requirements and critical application information, please go to www.state.oh.us/das/jobs. 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.

4. New SAO project manager hired

The State Architect's Office would like to welcome Michael Covault, RA, as the new project manager for Team A, which serves the higher education and Ohio Department of Administrative Services construction projects. Michael has more than 25 years of experience in the design and construction industry, previously working for private firms in Columbus.

5. New 2007 building code course

The Ohio Department of Commerce Board of Building Standards adopted new Ohio Building, Mechanical and Plumbing codes that became effective on July 1.

The Ohio Building Officials Association will be providing a 10-week comprehensive study course beginning July 11. Information about registering for this course can be found at the Ohio Building Officials Association Web site at www.oboa.org.

For more information about the Ohio building codes, go to the Ohio Department of Commerce Web site at <http://www.com.state.oh.us/dic/BuildingCode.htm>.

6. U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Membership

The State Architect's Office (SAO) has enrolled the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for membership in USGBC, a non-profit organization that developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) rating systems. SAO's goals include training our project managers and interior designers to pass the examination to become LEED Accredited Professionals. Membership in USGBC is a requirement for SAO to conduct these training sessions.

We are considering extending this training opportunity to other state agencies and institutions of higher education. SAO also will have a voice in the development and revision of the various rating systems in the LEED program. Membership in USGBC also demonstrates our intention to take a lead role in promoting energy efficiency and environmental sensitivity in design and construction projects. We currently have three LEED Accredited Professionals on staff all within our Office of Energy Services.

7. Solar conference in Cleveland

The American Solar Energy Society, Inc. will present the 2007 National Solar Conference on July 7 to 12 at the Cleveland Convention Center. The SOLAR 2007 Conference will focus on the economic development opportunities expected with the growth of the renewable energy industry. The conference theme is "Sustainable Energy Puts America to Work."

To register or for more information, go to <http://www.solar2007.org/>.

8. July Ohio Register and Ohio Register Supplement

SAO first posted the 2007 issue of the Ohio Register to the SAO Web site on July 2. An additional supplement was posted on July 6. Please visit www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register) to access both documents for the month of July.

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