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1 New OAKS Capital Improvements Web site now live

The OAKS Capital Improvements (CI) team is proud to announce its new Web site located at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov>. Please visit this Web site to obtain news about the CI project, requests for qualifications and other valuable information. The site is updated regularly so please check it often.

The CI module, formerly referred to as CIMS, will replace SAO's current software system and is the fifth module of OAKS. OAKS stands for Ohio Administrative Knowledge System, a statewide Enterprise Resource Planning application.

This module is a Web-based project management system that will be available to all state agencies and state supported colleges and universities as well as the State Architect's Office. It is estimated that, when fully implemented in mid-2008, this system will save the state approximately \$2.4 million annually.

The CI module will house all of the data on each construction project, providing access for members of each project team to drawings, meeting minutes, requests for information and change orders as well as contract documents, payments requests and EDGE information. Documents will process through the system for approval via electronic workflow, which will allow the members of the project team to track the status of each document.

2. New RFQ process begins

SAO has begun publishing Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) on an individual, ongoing basis with varying deadlines for submissions rather than just once a month as we had done previously. Agencies and institutions of higher education will publish RFQs as-needed using their own project-specific deadline for responses.

RFQs are now posted to the OAKS Capital Improvements (CI) Web site at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov>. RFQs are listed in the order of when responses are due. At the end of each month, RFQs will be compiled into an "Ohio Register" document using the next issue number. For example, all RFQs published in November 2007 will be archived as "Ohio Register #171." The archived RFQs are accessible from the above Web site. In addition, the short list report is now published on this site.

Those wishing to subscribe to receive e-mail notifications of when an RFQ is posted to the site may do so by clicking the "Register for RFQ Notifications" link on the RFQ Web page or from the CI home page. Subscribing to this list is voluntary and you may unsubscribe at any time.

3. Construction bid notifications now available

The State Architect's Office now offers electronic e-mail notifications about new construction bids and addenda for SAO-administered projects. All construction bidding information for the State Architect's Office is now posted to the new OAKS Capital Improvements (CI) Web site at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov>. To sign up for notifications, go to the CI Web site and click on "Register for Construction Bid Notifications" and enter your first name, last name and e-mail address. Once a bid has been added or updated on the site, you will be sent an e-mail notification. Subscribing to this list is voluntary and you may unsubscribe at any time. Please note: This notification process will eventually be replaced by a better system through the new CI module sometime in 2008. At that time, you may need to re-enter your data.

4. ODOT breaks ground on Pike County maintenance facility

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) broke ground Oct. 18 on the new \$5.4 million Pike County maintenance facility located in Piketon, Ohio. The building was designed by the State Architect's Office. The estimated completion date is December 2008.

5. Ohio University dedicates Alvin C. Adams Hall

SAO representatives, including State Architect Craig Weise, attended the dedication ceremony for the Alvin C. Adams Hall, Ohio University's first residence hall constructed in 35 years. The namesake for this modern facility is the first African-American graduate of the Scripps School of Journalism. This project was fast-tracked to meet the deadline of completion before classes began this fall. The \$24 million residence hall holds 350 students and was designed by Braun & Steidl Architects of Columbus.

6. November Ohio Register

As stated in Article 2 above, RFQs are now posted to the OAKS Capital Improvements (CI) Web site at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov>. Please refer to this article or the Web site for more information.

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