



FieldManager Status Report

Contract Management Conference

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Michigan User Base

- ▶ Over 3,000 FieldManager users at 306 MDOT facilities and local/private firm organizations
 - ▶ 38 MDOT offices
 - ▶ 113 local agencies
 - ▶ 141 private firms
 - ▶ 61 Full Suite / FieldBook licenses (consultants)
 - ▶ 65 Read-Only licenses (contractors)
 - ▶ 15 Contractor licenses (contractors)
- ▶ State mandates use of FieldManager for all MDOT let road, bridge, and airport construction contracts

Use Outside Of Michigan

- ▶ FieldManager jointly owned by State of Michigan and Info Tech, Inc.
- ▶ Info Tech and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) have marketing rights
- ▶ Licensed by DOTs, local agencies and private firms nationwide
- ▶ Maintenance and enhancements funded by AASHTO, Info Tech, MDOT, and other state DOTs
- ▶ Information available at www.infotechfl.com/products/fieldmanager
- ▶ MDOT royalty period expired in 2011
 - ▶ FieldManager royalties totaled \$859,000 from 1998 to 2011

Support & Training

- ▶ For FieldManager questions or problems contact the FieldManager Help Desk:
 - ▶ Call Help Line at 517-322-1556
 - ▶ Send email to fieldmanager-admin
- ▶ FieldManager training:
 - ▶ For local agencies, MDOT offers a one-day FieldManager class. To sign up for a class, contact MDOT's Construction Field Services Division at 517-322-1741 or mdot-techtraining@michigan.gov.

Support & Training

- ▶ For consultant firms, FieldManager training is available through RNS Consulting. To sign up for a class, contact Bob Sheap (517-699-5114 or rsheap@RNSconsultingmi.com).
- ▶ For qualified DBE consultant firms (must be certified by MDOT as a DBE in the types of work which utilize FieldManager), FieldManager training is reimbursable under the DBE Educational/Training Program. To sign up for a class, contact MDOT's Office of Business Development at 517-241-4806 or mdot-dbe@michigan.gov.

FieldManager Web Page

- ▶ Internet - go to MDOT's home page (www.michigan.gov/mdot):
 - ▶ Select ***Doing Business***
 - ▶ Under Resources, select ***FieldManager***
 - ▶ Contain MDOT's:
 - ▶ Contact Information
 - ▶ MDOT's Agency Configuration File
 - ▶ FieldManager User's Guide Supplements
 - ▶ Software patches
 - ▶ Other various FieldManager related correspondence

FieldManager Web Page #2

- ▶ Internet - go to MDOT's home page (www.michigan.gov/mdot):
 - ▶ Select ***Doing Business***
 - ▶ Under Resources, select ***MDOT MediaWiki***
 - ▶ Under MDOT MediaWiki,
 - select MDOT Field Resources MediaWiki
 - ▶ This is where MDOT's Construction Manual information is located.

Future Move To Web Environment

- ▶ Client/server technology is becoming obsolete
- ▶ FieldManager is 18 years old
- ▶ State of Michigan's strategic direction calls for migrating client/server applications to web environment
- ▶ Many benefits to web environment including easier access for user organizations statewide
- ▶ Estimating FieldManager will be replaced beginning in late 2017; however, FieldManager will continue to be used during the implementation process
- ▶ Fewer enhancements will be made to FieldManager as the software nears the end of its lifecycle

Mobile Inspector

- ▶ When an MDOT facility is the managing office for a contract, consultant firms can use Mobile Inspector free of charge under MDOT's SYNC Service license
 - ▶ Consultants should contact the MDOT Office Technician at the managing office, and request their desired device(s) be entered into FieldManager
- ▶ When the managing office is a consultant firm or local agency, a separate SYNC service license is required
 - ▶ Contact Info Tech, Inc, at 352-381-4400 or sales@infotechfl.com
- ▶ The FieldManager User's Guide Supplement (For Michigan Local Agencies and Consultants) was updated to include the Mobile Inspector information

FieldManager Release 5.3a

- ▶ Will Include:
 - ▶ Read-Only copy of a contract after a contract transfer will now be deleted automatically
 - ▶ Running Item History To Date Inquiry will no longer cause a crash
 - ▶ Users who frequently transfer data should no longer see duplicate FieldNet Inbox messages
 - ▶ Printing a report with an attachment(s) will no longer automatically print the attachment(s)
 - ▶ New export functionality is now available for attachments
 - ▶ An attachment with an apostrophe in the filename or URL will no longer cause an error
 - ▶ Page numbers have been corrected for several inquiries – Item History To Date, Item Status, and Category Status are some examples
- ▶ Addresses 26 maintenance requests and 1 enhancement, and various Technical Upgrades

Release 5.3a

- ▶ Statewide implementation is in progress:
 - ▶ MDOT FieldManager office upgrades occurred on March 3.
 - ▶ MDOT FieldBook office upgrades occurred on March 2.
 - ▶ Shipments to locals and private firms are scheduled as follows:
 - ▶ Initial shipment scheduled to go out by April 5
 - ▶ 24 firms – **This was actually sent on March 23**
 - ▶ Upgrade deadline is April 14
 - ▶ Final shipment scheduled to go out by May 4 – may be earlier
 - ▶ Remaining locals
 - ▶ Remaining firms which license directly from Info Tech and DBE firms
 - ▶ Upgrade deadline is May 18
 - ▶ **This is very close to last year's schedule!**

New Upgrade Process

- ▶ The upgrade is no longer sent via CD, instead the primary contact person will receive an email notification from Info Tech, Inc. containing the link and instructions to download FM 5.3a
 - ▶ Email from ginab@infotechfl.com
 - ▶ Provide the primary contact person's current email to Info Tech to ensure delivery
 - ▶ Instructions provided to register for a new account
 - ▶ Only create the new account that was provided in the letter

New Upgrade Process

- ▶ Download the FM 5.3a release from the shopping cart
 - ▶ Local agencies will continue to be covered via the FM Local Services Contract
 - ▶ Save to desired location
 - ▶ Extract the files and again save to desired location
 - ▶ Follow the Quick Start Instructions document provided similar to past upgrades
- ▶ NOTE – DBE firms will continue to receive CDs
- ▶ Any questions on this process should be directed to Info Tech, Inc. at 352-381-4400.

FieldManager Release 5.3b

- ▶ Will Include the following items, which have been addressed:
 - ▶ Using the Unattach New Item function does not update the ContMod Amount
 - ▶ Allowing an unapproved New Item to appear on another Contract Modification
 - ▶ Prevent import of a contract that contains a duplicate Project ID
 - ▶ Create a New Item without a contract associated
 - ▶ FieldBuilder 5+ character work types cause errors in FM
 - ▶ Negative item that is increased to zero is not allowed to be negative again
 - ▶ IDR Site Times are not fully exported to FieldBook when multiple contracts are selected
 - ▶ Additional tech enhancements and maintenance requests
- ▶ MDOT implementation planned for first quarter of 2018
 - ▶ Shipments to locals and private firms are expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2018



Questions?

ENJOY YOUR DAY!