SACS News

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Product Spotlight

SACS Fusion

SACS Fusion was announced at the 2015 User Conference. This application allows users to process custom letters and emails for both Public Housing and Section 8 applicants, tenants, and landlords.

It contains a complete word processing system that allows you to create custom letters or emails. The filtering options give you full control over who receives the letters or emails. The email option also allows you to attach documents. This can easily be used to send a PDF newsletter to all residents.

Tenant Manager

The SACS Tenant Manager was also announced during the conference. This application allows you to quickly view tenant information from one easy to access screen. The SACS Tenant Manager is included with the Conventional and Section 8 modules.

With the Tenant Manager, you are able to quickly view all information related to a tenant's account in one screen including notes, application, tenant, apartment, rent history, and more. It alleviates the need to launch multiple applications to view this information.

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SACS Notes

By Keith Scott

The SACS 2015 User Conference was an overwhelming success! There were over 320 people in attendance. This was the first conference for a majority of those attending.

During the General Session we demonstrated several new products and features. You will find information about the SACS Fusion word/email processing module and Tenant Manger in this newsletter. We will be holding training webinars for those that were unable to attend the conference. See the training schedule included in this newsletter.

Now with the conference behind us, we will be working to implement the new ideas you shared with us. We received a large number of program change requests. These requests and your continued suggestions will guide our software development over the coming months.

It's been a great year at SACS. Your dedication drives us to excel in all that we do. I thank our new and existing customers for choosing SACS Software.

Welcome New Customers!

SACS continues to grow. Please welcome our newest customers! We now serve 344 housing authorities in 12 states.

Harriman Housing Authority	Harriman, TN
Athens Housing Authority	Athens, TN
Spruce Pine Housing Authority	Spruce Pine, NC
East Carroll Parish Police Jury	Lake Providence, LA
Avoyelles Parish Police Jury	Marksville, LA

Build 5556 Highlights

SACS Software Build 5556 was released on 3/19/15. Listed below are some highlights from this release.

After installing this update, you can view the full release notes from the SACS Main Menu by clicking Help then Release Notes.

TRACS 202D
Programs have been updated to support TRACS 202D. Please refer to Technical Notice 24 - TRACS 202D Implementation for more information.

Tenant Manager
New Tenant Manager program for Conventional and Section 8 Housing. See the first page of this newsletter for more information.

SACS Fusion
Added a new program to perform mail and email merges. See the first page of this newsletter for more information.

Letter Maintenance
Added a new program that allows users to easily create and edit SACS Letters. You no longer have to remember the letter name or the steps associated with creating a mail merge document.

Section 8 Utility Allowance Calculation
The system can now automatically calculate the utility allowance for the selected unit. The HUD 52667 form was also added and can be printed in batch.

Developer's Corner

By Danny Lloyd

The 2015 SACS User Conference unveiled a number of new features in SACS Housing Software. These features were released in SACS Housing Software Build 5556. Click on this *link* to see the conference video demonstrating these new features.

HUD has announced that changes are coming to the PIC system. After carefully evaluating the current PIC system, they understand that the step to upload and process PIC transactions is too time consuming. We already knew this and provided you with our PIC Manager. The SACS PIC Manager alleviates the complexity of PIC processing. The new system is in the early stages of development. They will be moving to a system that closely models our PIC Manager approach.

The Affordable Care Act will require additional work for our agencies. Form 1095-B must be issued by self-insured employers with less than 50 full time employees. Form 1095-C must be issued by all employers with more than 50 full time employees. You will be required to complete these forms by February 29, 2016. We are working now to identify customers that are affected and determine the information needed to complete these forms. If you are affected, please let us know.

Several of our agencies are now sending tenant letters in the family's native language. SACS supports sending letters in English and Spanish. The next software release adds Spanish support to more letters.

The next software release implements date based utility allowances for Conventional Housing. This feature will allow you to enter new utility allowances in advance. The system will select the appropriate utility allowance based on the effective date of the action you are completing.

We welcome your suggestions and input. Send your suggestions to changerequest@sacssoftware.com.

Tech Tips

By Mark Worthy

SACS remote access is a critical part of our technical support. The ability for our technicians to connect to our customer's computer allows us to quickly address any question or problem you are experiencing.

Most of you are familiar with our remote support. From the SACS Main Menu, clicking File, SACS Remote Access, takes you to our SACS Support Portal. Until now we have used Bomgar for our support access tool.

We are now transitioning to a new support tool, which will be integrated in the SACS Main Menu with the next update. For now, you can access this by visiting support.sacssoftware.com.

We are excited about this transition. Our experience with this new product has been positive. This new support tool will allow us to be more responsive to your needs.

SACS Webinar Schedule

SACS now offers webinar training. This is a convenient, cost effective method for receiving training. These classes are conducted over the internet using our webinar software.

We will be sending out news flashes during the month of June for classes scheduled in July. You can view the SACS Webinar Calendar by visiting our website at http://www.sacssoftware.com/Support/Training.aspx. You must be logged into the website to see the calendar.

If you would like to receive automatic notifications of webinars, click the Notify Me option. Our automated system will send you an email notification when new classes are added.

SACS Webinar Calendar

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Event Start	Event End	Title
6/16/2015 8:30 AM	6/16/2015 9:30 AM	Overview of SACS Products (Free Webinar)
6/17/2015 8:30 AM	6/17/2015 9:30 AM	Overview of SACS Products (Free Webinar)

To register for a SACS webinar, contact SACS at 256-397-1999 or email sales@sacssoftware.com. Each session is limited to 20 attendees.

Overview of SACS Products

Join us for a review of our latest SACS Products. This session will cover Web Applications, Tablet Work Orders, and Document Manager with Electronic Signing.

Registration Fee: Free

Event Date	Event Times
6/16/2015	8:30 am - 9:30 am
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