User Conference

We are currently discussing the User Conference with the User Committee Members. We are having them evaluate whether to hold the conference each year or every two years. We would like to hear your opinions. Please email grant@sacsinc.com. We will share the results with you in January.

SACS News

On August 21, 2008 HUD published the notice of proposed rule change for the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). The proposed rules will require a number of changes in Sacs Housing Software. Some of the indicators have been changed along with adding new requirements.

Our staff attended a HUD class on the proposed changes. We are now waiting for HUD to release the final rule before making changes in the software. The new rules, when released, will affect agencies with fiscal year ending 6/30/2009.

Future Applications

We have received several requests for web based programs. We are current designing web modules that will allow people to apply for housing, check their position on the waiting list, and allow Section 8 owners to review tenants and payments. If you have an interest in these or other web based programs, let us know. Our developers are gathering information now.

If you are interested in issuing work orders using the PDA, let us know. We are trying to determine if there is any interest in such a program.

Welcome Aboard

Please join us in welcoming our latest SACS Users:

Hartsville Housing Authority, Hartsville, SC
Menlo Housing Authority, Menlo, GA
Summerville Housing Authority, Summerville, GA

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SACS.Net Build 3215 Released

Sacs.Net build 3215 was released on October 22, 2008. Technicians have been contacting customers to assist with installing this update. This update contains several new features and enhancements. You will find installation instructions as well as update notes on our website.

Here is a brief list of the enhancements:

SACS.Net now supports sending Landlord direct deposit notifications by email. This feature allows you to send a notification of payment by email instead of by mail. This feature can reduce your mailing cost.

SACS.Net now supports automatic Due To Due From entries in the General Ledger Module.

Has your update been installed? You can check the build number installed on your system by clicking on the menu's Help option, then About.

Our developers are busy working on the next software release. If you are interested in being a beta test site, please send an email to Grant Dark, grant@sacsinc.com.

Technical Support

As a preventative measure, we want to remind you to perform your daily and monthly backups on a routine basis. These backups should be kept in a safe place such as a fireproof vault or better yet, an offsite location. Make sure you label your backup with the date and time that it was created. We recommend that you rotate your backup media so that your backups won't be overwritten each day.
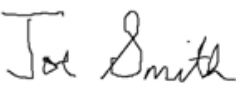
We have had a few customers purchase Windows Vista Home edition. This version of Vista does not work well on networks. We recommend Vista Business edition for customers with a local network.

We are working on an alternative solution to Adobe for printing SACS.Net PDF forms. Several Adobe updates have caused you to receive different errors when attempting to print in SACS.Net. This alternative solution will eliminate the errors without sacrificing the print quality of the forms. We plan to have this solution ready with the next update.

SACS.Net Features

In the past few months we have made several changes to the PDA Inspection Software. One of these changes adds the ability to have a tenant sign the PDA. This signature will print on the Inspection Form.

Inspection Summary

Inspection Number 1-10000129	Tenant ID 1-001/13		Name of Family	Mitchell, Lucy
			Unit Address	132 Louis Lamour Avenue
Type of Inspection Special	Date	10/28/2008		Kennedy, AL 35574
			Housing Type	High Rise Apartment

Area	Inspected Item	Responsible	Comments/Action Required
Living Room /	Ceiling	PHA	test

Joe Smith

Signature of Resident _____ Date

_____ Signature of Inspector _____ Date

We are currently testing these changes. Look for future information.

SACS Tax Forms

It is now time to prepare for 1099 and W2 printing. SACS sent out a tax order form on October 16th to those customers using Accounts Payable, Section 8 and Payroll modules. Included with the order form is information on how to order on-line. You can fax, mail or place your order online.

If you have not received your order form or need assistance, please contact Angela Hendrix @ 256-329-1205 or by email at angela@sacsinc.com

Around the 15th of each month we send out the SACS Tip of the Month. If you have not been receiving these tips, please register on http://www.sacsinc.com.

SACS Remote Backup

SACS Offers a Remote Backup service that performs a backup of your housing data 5 days a week, and can be accessed for restore for up to 60 days. This gives you the security of an off-site backup solution in case your on-site backup is defective or destroyed. There have been several cases where SACS Users' data was saved with Remote Backup Software.

For pricing and a trial installation, please contact Sherri Blasingame at 256-329-1205 or by email at sherri@sacsinc.com.

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Website http://www.sacsinc.com

Through our website, you can sign up for Technical Support emails, review and install updates for the software, and find contact information for all employees at SACS.