FACILITIES PROGRAMS

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The Foundation for California Community Colleges develops tools and services to help Community Colleges and districts manage their facilities. The cornerstone of this is the Facilities Utilization, Space Inventory Options Net, or FUSION, a web-based application used by all 72 Community College districts and the Chancellor's Office facilities staff to submit, plan, review, approve, and track facility activities to the room level. Key companions to FUSION include the Facility Condition Assessment program and the Architectural Drawings Database.

Dynamic Database

FUSION is a system that standardizes and streamlines the management of college facilities by providing clear, comprehensive information that can be used to justify requests for funding and build a foundation for capital renewal programs. Using FUSION, colleges can complete required annual updates, track facility conditions and enrollment forecasts, develop and approve capital construction plans, and track the progress of funded projects. More than 1,100 users are registered systemwide.

Assessments

The Foundation began performing Facility Condition Assessments in 2002. The assessments include room-level inspections on more than 71 million square feet of Community College facilities throughout California. FUSION data is updated on a just over three-year rotation, with staff assessing approximately 20 million square feet per year.

Digitalized Plans

The Architectural Drawings Database (ADDB) was launched in 2002 to give Community Colleges the opportunity to streamline their building drawing collections. Colleges were having difficulty managing the large, cumbersome documents, and some had only one copy of their building plans, making it difficult to work with contractors. The Foundation houses and maintains equipment for scanning and printing large drawings. Districts provide hard copies of the drawings and the Foundation scans the large paper documents into a computerized database. Colleges can then access their drawings via the web or request printed copies for project planning, building assessments, and construction purposes.

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Highlights

- More than 71 million square feet of facilities have been assessed and entered into the FUSION database.
- FUSION and facility condition assessments have been instrumental in the passing of $22 billion in state and local capital construction bonds.
- More than 66,276 drawings have been scanned into the Architectural Drawings Database from 72 districts.

Partner Organizations

- Association of Chief Business Officials Facilities Task Force
- California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Facilities Unit
- San Joaquin Delta Community College District
- California Community College Geographic Information System (CCCGIS)
- Onuma Inc.

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