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DSA Update

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DSA Strategic Plan

We are Customer Centered

- Offices are aligned to effectively accommodate existing and future workload
- DSA Academy serves the training needs of the State in subject areas as policy, codes and regulations

We Deliver Efficient and Effective Results

- Effective alignment of resources to meet existing and future workload
- All DSA regional offices are fully electronic

We Work as One Enterprise

- DSA Offices revitalized and fully operational with contemporary, reasonable and consistent management processes and procedures
- K-12 school and community college districts are grid neutral

We are a Strong Organization

- DSA offices revitalized and fully operational with contemporary, reasonable and consistent management processes and procedures

DSA Operations

Workload and “Shovel Ready”

- Bin time is currently around 8 weeks statewide
- In April 2009, a temporary project prioritization program was introduced to focus resources on “shovel ready” projects

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project does NOT use state bond funds▪ Fully funded▪ Construction will start within 75 days of DSA approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project uses state bond funds▪ Can proceed with local funding▪ Construction will start within 75 days of DSA approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project uses state bond funds▪ Cannot proceed with local funding alone▪ Includes Pre-Checks (PCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project has a funding deadline▪ Will be moved to Category 1 as needed

Electronic Office Efforts

- As of August 2009, all projects with an estimated cost of **\$100,000** or less will be reviewed using electronic plan review
 - All other projects will be reviewed electronically at the discretion of the Regional Office
 - Requirements are described in DSA Bulletin 09-08
 - For more information, contact your area DSA Regional Manager
- An “Electronic Documents Pilot” program is being conducted in the San Diego Regional Office

Project Closeout & Certification

- A Project Certification Guideline has been developed to address a variety of issues that may arise during the certification process
 - Available online at:
http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/plan_review_process/Project-Certification-Guide_10-22-08.pdf
- Policy 09-04 streamlines the 90-day letter process and provides information on reopening the files of projects closed without certification
 - Includes information on the fee for reopening a file
 - Explains that a file can be closed after reopening and may require an additional fee to reopen again



DSA Programs

Seismic Mitigation Program

- DSA continues to meet with OPSC and the State Allocation Board to discuss criteria for identifying the most earthquake-vulnerable school buildings
- Four projects have had seismic mitigation evaluation reports approved by DSA
- Prop 1D made \$200 million available in matching funds for seismic retrofits
 - To date, only one project has had funding apportioned by the State Allocation Board

DSA Academy

- Launched in April 2006, over 3,300 participants have completed DSA Academy classes
- Plan review classes available for Access, Structural Safety, Fire & Life Safety, and Mechanical & Electrical
- In addition to a Project Inspector Overview course, in-depth Project Inspector are available for:
 - Access Compliance
 - Structural Safety
 - Fire & Life Safety
 - Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing

Project Inspector Program

- Project Inspector certification and re-cert exams are offered multiple times a year
- Offerings alternate between northern and southern California locations
- DSA's website contains information on registering for exams as well as the list of certified inspectors
 - Visit <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/Inspector/default.htm>

CASp Program

- The first Certified Access Specialist (CASp) exam was offered in September 2008
- To date, there are 167 individuals on the CASp list
- DSA's website contains information on registering for the CASp exam as well as the list of Certified Access Specialists
 - Visit <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/Access/casp.htm>

Grid Neutral & The Green Code

- A guidebook was developed and is published online at:
www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/OtherProg/gridneutral.htm
- A video about grid neutral is available on YouTube at:
<http://www.youtube.com/califdgs#play/uploads/5/hLfDMBYOzz0>
- Currently assisting with the development of the Green Code, which will include mandatory and voluntary measures dealing with:
 - Sustainable sites
 - Energy and Water Efficiency
 - Materials and Resources
 - Indoor environmental quality



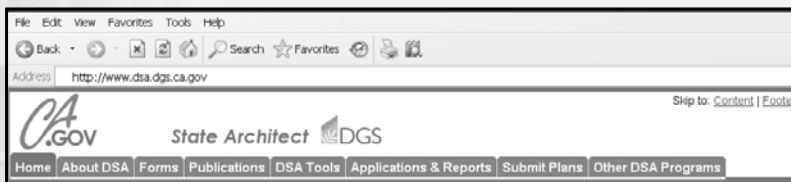
Other News

Organizational Assessment

- Consultants from California State University, Sacramento, are currently conducting an organizational assessment of DSA
- The assessment is comprised of several phases with final completion set for September 2010
- The assessment consists of an analysis of both DSA's fees and business processes

Need Help?

We're Here to Assist You



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Thank You!

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