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AIS Version 5.2 Released!

Software & Services recently released AIS™ version 5.2. This version addresses a few minor bug fixes as well as adding a couple of handy enhancements. The biggest additions resulted from legislation passed requiring that the assessor's office notify the public when the value of an assessment has increased 15% or more from one tax year to the next. We accommodated this new bill by implementing the Value Increase Search and new letter template fields. The new search will allow you to compare item values between two years and to return those values that increased by a specific percentage. The percentage is user specified and is manually entered. The idea here is that you would run a search for assessments that have increased 15% from 2005 to 2006. You would then take the results of this search and send them into the letters module. Once in the letters module, you could use a letter template to easily produce the required notice letters. This is made possible by a new letters field group. This field group can be found in the standard letters module, under the group "IncreaseValue". Within that group, two new fields are available called "Current Value" and "Prior Value". By using these new fields, offices can create a letter template that will automatically insert the previous year value as well as current year value for a particular assessment. This provides an easy way to mass generate notification letters to send to the public.



This particular release of AIS™ will require an update to your server. Ron and Derek will be making the necessary updates to your machines throughout the next few weeks. We will contact you when your parish is next in line for upgrades. Something we would like to take an opportunity to point out here, is the update installation process. We receive a few calls from users who

have not recognized the upgrade screen during an AIS™ install, and cancelled thinking this was an error or virus. If you ever see the "Copying files" screen, understand that this is part of the routine AIS™ installation process. DO NOT click cancel during this message or your installation of AIS™ will fail, causing your machine to need an AIS™ reload. This will not result in any permanent damage, but will take a considerable amount of time to reinstall. Only minor adjustments have been made with the release of 5.2. The most notable being the printing of default assigned images when a parcel listing is printed from the search screen. This now prints properly in version 5.2.

New LAT Form Utility in 5.2



An enhancement has been made to the LAT form report within AIS™. Now, the user is prompted to use a predefined LAT setup when running forms. If configured through property classes, the LAT report will generate the appropriate form for the corresponding class.

For example, you can assign all personal property based classes to use LAT forms 5, 5A, 6, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Doing this will set the report to automatically assume which classes to use based on what LAT form you select to print. Also note, when running the report you will be prompted to use "the predefined setup". If you say no, the previous report will run. If you say yes, you will run the new report. Contact Ron or Derek for more information on how to setup this new configuration.

Announcements

WELCOME TO AIS™!

Software & Services would like to announce the migration of the following clients from our Unix based software over to AIS™:

Webster Assessor

Sabine Assessor

Vernon Assessor

Jackson Assessor

UPCOMING DATES

Please mark the following events and dates on your calendars:

July 20th, 2006

AIS™ User Group Meeting
(Lafayette)

Details are to follow for this event. Please check your e-mail regularly for the latest announcements regarding the date and time



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2006 Annual Louisiana Assessor Conference



Ron demonstrates mapping the 2006 Louisiana Assessor concepts to Chief Deputy Priscilla Conference at Sam's Town Casino in Guilroy of St. Landry Parish during Shreveport.

S&S Jacket Drawing Winner, Jimmy Stephens of DeSoto

This year's drawing was for a Software & Services jacket. The drawing was held at the 2006 Louisiana Assessor's Association Conference at Sam's Town Casino. There were many entries, but the one lucky entry turned out to be Jimmy Stephens, Assessor for DeSoto Parish. Allen Richard is pictured below presenting Jimmy with the

winnings. Software & Services plans to continue this yearly drawing at future conferences and user group meetings. Make sure to stop by and add your name next time you see us at an event. Future prizes are yet to be determined, but we have a few exciting ideas in mind! Congratulations Jimmy!

