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REAL ESTATE/FIMS WORKSHOP HELD JUNE 2-6 IN PALM SPRINGS, CA

Real Estate, Facilities, and FIMS Federal and contractor employees from across the DOE/NNSA complex met in early June for a week-long workshop held at the Indian Wells Resort outside of Palm Springs, CA. Representatives from Headquarters and the Field were present for a week of FIMS and Real Estate topic briefings and networking opportunities.

Below are a few of the Real Estate topics that were presented and their potential impact to DOE/NNSA real estate operations:

- **Real Estate Contracting Officer:** (presentation given by Tom Geronikos, HQ Senior Realty Officer). Current Status: Since many experienced Realty Specialists will be retiring in the near future, DOE/NNSA needs to make greater strides in providing systematic career replacements in the real estate specialty area. Under E.O. 12931, Federal Procurement Reform, there is a requirement for “career education programs for procurement professionals, including requirements for successful completion of educational requirements or mandatory training for entry level positions and for promotion to higher level positions, in order to ensure a highly qualified procurement work force”. The specifics are contained in DOE O 361 and the Acquisition Career Management Program handbook. Along with this, work is being done to restructure the realty specialty area to provide for progressively higher levels of contracting authority under a warrant program commensurate with education and experience.
- **Economic Development Transfers (10 CFR 770):** (presentation given by Mark Price, HQ Real Estate, OEMC). This regulation will be revised to clarify the economic development process and other issues. Clarifications can be found on the handout from the presentation at the FIMS website: <http://65.216.217.68/workshops.htm>
- **Real Estate Disposition:** (presentation given by Tom Geronikos). Tom addressed demolition, sale by GSA, and conveyance by DOE. There is a renewed emphasis on Federal land disposition to reduce the amount of underutilized property that exists across the Federal complex. New legislation on this issue has been passed by the House of Representatives and referred to the Senate for its consideration. As information becomes available, it will be distributed to the Sites.

Other presentations included an in-depth briefing from the Yucca Mountain project group about the project and its status, FIMS Field Office Status Reports, Sustainability and the greening of government facilities, and FIMS Expired Leases/Lease Management. For copies of the briefing slides, please visit the FIMS website at <http://65.216.217.68/workshops.htm>