TRACS Industry Group Meeting
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Overview of System Updates

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Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange (iMAX)

1. Automated Rules of Behavior
   • Security Awareness Training
   • Privacy Awareness Training
2. Updates to iMAX User Profile Screen
Rules of Behavior

• Outstanding Audit Finding
• Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)
• Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130
Rules of Behavior

Anyone that uses, operates, or manages a federal computer system, **MUST** take security awareness training and accept the Rules of Behavior **Annually**.
Rules of Behavior

- iMAX User Interface (4/30/2010)
- TRACS Menu Page (Access to Queries – 7/2/2010)
RULES OF BEHAVIOR FOR
TENANT ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM
(TRACS – FS7) Internal/External Users

and

MULTIFAMILY ENTERPRISE INCOME VERIFICATION (MF EIV) SYSTEM
Internal Users

Instructions for Internal HUD TRACS Users

Complete the Security Training requirements identified on the TRACS website at:
http://hsoa.gov/offices/fs7/mf/hud trabsec.htm

Read the following Rules of Behavior (ROB), check the certification checkbox, and click the Accept button at the bottom of the page or Logout. Then print, sign and scan the ROB to a PDF and email it to MF.TRACS.RECERT@hud.gov or FAX to 202-708-3177.

Instructions for External HUD TRACS Users

Complete the Security Training requirements identified on the TRACS website at:
http://www.hud.gov/offices/fs7/mf/strsc.htm

Read the following Rules of Behavior (ROB), check the certification checkbox, and click the Accept button at the bottom of the page or Logout. Then print, sign and file the ROB.

RULES OF BEHAVIOR

Internal/External HUD Users:

The Office of Multifamily Housing (MF) may grant system access to internal users (HUD employees, contractors) and external users (owners of multifamily property, management agents, contract administrators, service bureaus and clients/customers) who have a need to utilize the TRACS – FS7 system or internal users who have a need to utilize the MF EIV system for official HUD business only. Access is based on specific job function, and only information to which you are authorized will be accessible.

The system user identification (User ID/password) issued to you is to be used solely in connection with the performance of your responsibilities in support of the HUD mission and may not be used for personal or private gain. As a condition of receiving access, you agree to be responsible for the confidentiality of the assigned information (i.e., will not provide to anyone), accountable for all activity with your user identification, and that you will notify the MF TRACS Security Office (MFTRACSSECURITY@hud.gov) in writing upon leaving your place of employment or transfer to another position/office.

Additional rules of the system follow:

a) Log off or lock the system when leaving the system/workstation area.
b) Refrain from leaving written passwords in the workstation area.
c) Passwords must be changed every 30 days (iMAX and TRACS Web). Avoid creating passwords that can be easily associated with you.
d) Your User ID will be suspended after 90 days of inactivity and you will have to request re-activation of access (iMAX, TRACS Web-based Applications including MF EIV).
e) Avoid posting printouts of sensitive output data on bulletin boards.
f) Control input documents by returning them to files or forwarding them to the appropriate contact person in your office.
g) Avoid violation of the Privacy Act, which requires confidentiality of personal data contained in government and contractor data files. Penalties apply to the misuse of data.
h) Protect all electronic, optical or magnetic data and hardcopy documentation containing sensitive information and properly dispose of them.

i) Avoid putting your name or other identifying information on electronic documents.
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iMAX User Profile Screen

The address field will be broken into the following:

• Address 1
• Address 2
• City
• State
• Zip
• Foreign Territory
Edit User TRACMTC001

First Name: Test
Last Name: Center
Description:
Title:
Organization:
Street 1:
Street 2:
City:
U.S State or Territory:
U.S. Zip Code: [ ] [ ]
Country:
Foreign State or Territory:
Foreign Postal Code:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:

Update  Reset
Integrated Monthly Activity Transmission (iMAT)

- Monthly Activity Transmission (MAT) re-host from IBM mainframe to J2EE/ORACLE
- Integrated with iMAX
- Error Messages Reformatted
Integrated Monthly Activity Transmission (iMAT)

• New MAT error code (401)
• Errors in a single line
• New error files formatted for easier readability (shorter for tenant and voucher)
The following is an example of a TENER:

Posted: Wed, 16 Dec 2009 20:01:12 -0500 (EST)
From: TRACMPROD
To: TRACM00000
Subj: TRACS Response Messages and/or Errors

TRACM02528

HUD CFS TRACS DATA 000000 000000

@@@ TRACM00000TRACM0000
Record ID: TENER
Release/Version: 2.0.2.C
Record Number: 00001
Original Date: 12162009
Original Time: 051114
Tenant Number:
Record Type Error: TENHR
Record Section Error:
Record in Error: 09999
Field Number in Err: 0026
Field Content in Err:
Type Field Error: A3
Type Mandatory Err:
Trans Rec Cnt Err:
Site Rptd Count:
MAT Calculated Count:
Error Message: TRANSMISSION REJECTED: Project Number Required
The following is an example of a TENTR record without errors (new):

@+@ TRACM000000TRACM000000
Record ID: TENTR
Release/Version: 2.0.2.C
Record Number: 00001
Original Date: 12162009
Original Time: 051117
Error Date: 12162009
Error Time: 180518
**Response** Message: NO ERRORS DETECTED IN THIS MAT SUBMISSION
Other TRACS Systems Updates

• New edits on Social Security Number
• TRACS Online Facelift
TRACS Subsystems

- Maintain TRACS Field Office Security
- Integrated Contracts System (iCon)
- Automated Renewal and Amendment System (ARAMS)
- Voucher/Tenant Reporting/Updates

Documentation/TRACS Page
Implementation Dates

- April 2010 Release
  - TRACS Automated Rules of Behavior (UI)
- July 2010 Release
  - TRACS Menu Page (Access to Queries
- September 2010 Release
  - TRACS Automated Rules of Behavior (web services)
  - Integrated Monthly Activity Transmission
  - TRACS Online Facelift
  - New edits on Social Security Number
TRACS Future Enhancements

• Implementation of Benefits Claim SSN
• Usage of the Transaction Identification Number (TIN) in the MAT submission
• Standardizing the iMAX ID numbers
• Returning all TRACS response files to sender and owner agents
• Linking the WASS ID and IMAX ID
TRACS Future Enhancements (Cont’d)

- TRACS edit check confirming rent and utility allowance on tenant certification matches TRACS approved rent and utility allowance.
Contract Administrators appear to be changing certification data or processing certifications late?

Foster children – TRACS MAT Guide and Handbook 4350.3 treat this issue differently. Count them as members yes or no?

TRACS still allows all 9’s in the SSN field even though this is causing issues with EIV?
TRACS Open Issues

• Future changes to iMAX envision HUD will send error messages to original sender and the property. Industry questioned whether CA’s will be required to change the format of the error messages and/or pass the error on to the owner/agent?

• We are getting a lot of questions regarding submission of retroactive certifications due to undisclosed income. HUD offices, the Help Desk, CAs software vendors and consultants are all giving owner/agents different instruction.
TRACS Open Issues

• How to handle transitioning of TRACS data when there is a change in Contract Administrators?
Questions?