

FACILITIES INVENTORY DATA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

The state of Washington owns and leases facilities to house state agencies. The 2012 Facilities Inventory System (FIS) reports a total of approximately 108.6 million square feet of facilities, both owned and leased, with approximately 10,200 facilities recorded. This inventory represents a significant financial investment by the citizens of Washington.

In January 2011, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) was awarded a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Washington Military Department. The grant was awarded to allow OFM to validate location data contained in the state's facilities inventory, a critical step in improving the data's accuracy. Location data includes each facility's longitude and latitude coordinates and address. A review of this data in the state's facilities inventory is expected to be complete by August 31, 2013.

In spring 2012, OFM completed the first phase of the review of all location data submitted by state agencies. Geographic Information System (GIS) software was used to map each facility using the coordinates reported by the state agency. Once mapped in GIS, the physical location of each facility was verified. A total of 48 percent of the FIS records contained accurate location information.

OFM recently began the second phase of the data review to address the 52 percent of facilities records that do not have accurate information. Through this process, state facilities are also being identified which have not been reported in FIS. An initial sampling of the data indicates that agencies have under reported facilities by a ratio of approximately 8 percent. OFM is committed to improving the accuracy of this important facilities data.

Accurate and complete location information is an essential requirement of the state's facilities inventory and a key aspect of the state enhanced mitigation plan with the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition, accurate location information supports the state in protecting facilities that house critical services to the citizens of Washington and qualifies the state for an additional reimbursement during a declared national disaster. A more complete and accurate inventory will allow OFM and state agencies to conduct better analysis of space use efficiency, collocation opportunities, identify opportunities for consolidated lease negotiations, and conduct additional lease versus owned analysis, leading to more efficient space use in the future and reduced facilities costs.

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