Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

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Structures Information Management System (SIMS) Survey

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS   #03-08
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) Structures Information Management System (SIMS) is a very useful tool to access and process information about structures in the State of Illinois. Information about local agency bridges can be accessed by local agencies and their consultants through IDOT's web site. In an effort to provide all local agencies with improved access to SIMS, and to provide quality assistance in its use and in addressing issues that may arise, we are asking all local agencies and their consultants to take a moment to fill out the attached survey.

Please return the completed survey to Tim Armbrecht of the Local Bridge Unit by July 31, 2003 either by fax (217-782-7960) or mail (IDOT Bureau of Bridges and Structures, Attn: Tim Armbrecht, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL, 62764). Questions may be directed to Mr. Armbrecht at 217-785-8748. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Anderson
Engineer of Bridges and Structures

cc- Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Attn: Dale Brockamp
    FHWA, Illinois Division/Attn: Dan Brydl

Attachment

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SIMS Survey

Name of Local Agency or Company _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

1. What computer operating system do you use?
    - ☐ Windows 95
    - ☐ Windows 98
    - ☐ Windows 2000
    - ☐ Windows XP
    - ☐ Other _____

2. What version of Microsoft Access do you use?
    - ☐ Access 97
    - ☐ Access 2000
    - ☐ Access 2002
    - ☐ Do not have Access loaded on my computer

3. Have you ever downloaded the SIMS database off of IDOT's Web Site?
    - ☐ Yes (If "Yes", please answer questions 4-7 below)
    - ☐ No (If "No", complete question 3 and skip to 7)

    If no, why not? (Please check all that apply)
    - ☐ No computer
    - ☐ No internet connection
    - ☐ Don't have / not familiar with Microsoft Access
    - ☐ Other _____

    If you currently do not use SIMS, would you be more likely to use SIMS if training on its use was offered?
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

4. How often do you download the SIMS database off of IDOT's Web Site?
    - ☐ Weekly
    - ☐ Monthly
    - ☐ Every few months
    - ☐ Other _____

5. Have you ever encountered computer-related problems (i.e. error messages, computer crashes, etc.) when trying to use SIMS?
    - ☐ Yes (Please specify nature of problem) _____
    - ☐ No

6. Have you ever used SIMS Link to create your own queries and reports?
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

7. Comments:

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