2008 User Conference

The 2008 User Conference will be held May 20th and 21st, 2008 at the Chattanooga Marriott Convention Center. The User Conference will feature our latest software applications along with in depth training classes.

This year we will be celebrating our 20th year providing software solutions to housing agencies. We hope you will join us for this celebration.

There have been many new and exciting developments since our last conference in 2006. If you have never attended a SACS User Conference, please plan to attend. Our staff looks forward to meeting you.

We will continue to accept registrations through May 8, 2008. For additional information, please contact Grant Dark at 256-329-1205 or grant@sacsinc.com

SACS News

Please welcome our new employees. In the Software Division, Technical Support Department, welcome Cody Cheatham and Scotty Sharpe. They will be available to assist you with software support as well as training at your facility.

Our Accounting Division welcomes Glenda Willis, Tara Oliver, Keith Lightsey and Loretta Thomas. They are joining our staff as accountants.

Welcome Aboard

Please join us in welcoming our latest SACS User:

Conyers Housing Authority, Conyers, GA

Serving the public housing industry for 40 years.
http://www.sacsinc.com

SACS.Net

Sacs.Net version 2.0 has been released and is now being installed. Version 2.0 contains new features and allows our developers to take advantage of new technologies just released by Microsoft.

We have been busy this year converting customers to Sacs.Net. We have converted over 90 of our existing SACS Classic customers. We are now scheduling conversions for June.

Some customers will find that they need to update their computer equipment for Sacs.Net. As part of your upgrade plan, you will need to evaluate your current equipment to insure that it will work efficiently with Sacs.Net. Listed below are some of the recommendations:

Server Processor: Intel Pentium 4 3.0 Ghz
Server Hard Drive: 160 GB
Server Memory: 4 GB
Workstation Processor: Intel Pentium 4 2.0 Ghz
Workstation Hard Drive: 80 GB
Workstation Memory: 1 GB

Database Engine: SQL Server 2005

Network Switch: 1000 MB
Network Interface Card: 1000 MB

If you need assistance with hardware upgrades, please let us know. A technician can be scheduled to review your equipment.

If you are interested in learning more about SACS.Net, please contact Keith Scott at keith@sacsinc.com or Sherri Blasingame at sherri@sacsinc.com. We can schedule an on-site or on-line demonstration.
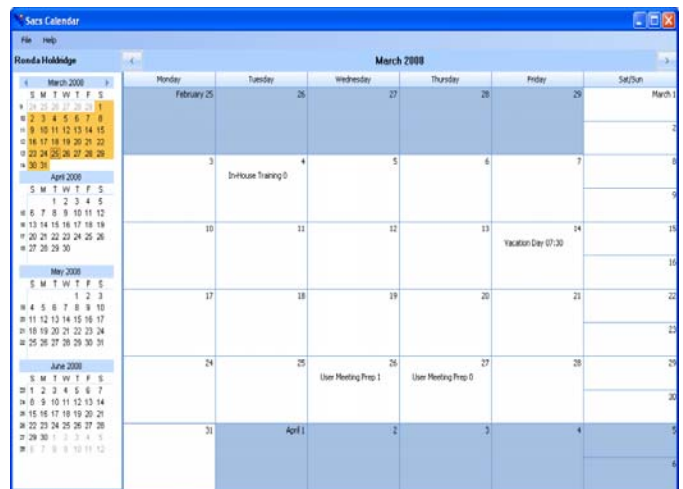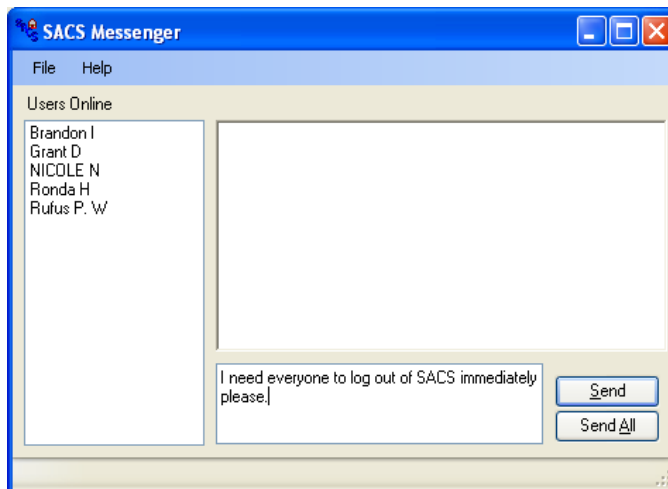
State Conferences

We will be attending the following Conferences in the 2nd quarter of 2008:

PHADA	New Orleans, LA	June 1st – 3rd
AAHRA	Birmingham, AL	April 21st – 22nd
Texas NAHRO	Fort Worth, TX	May 12th – 14th

Please come by and see us! We look forward to seeing you there.

Announcing SACS Productivity Suite

SACS is proud to introduce the SACS Productivity Suite. This suite contains a text messaging system as well as a calendar for scheduling appointments. The SACS.Net Productivity Suite allows you to make easy contact with users logged into SACS as well as scheduling appointments with the Calendar program.

The Calendar Program interfaces with the Annual Recertify and Inspection Scheduling to give you easy access to see what tenants are scheduled for their annuals and inspections.

HUD News

PIC began transitioning their computer system from development numbers to AMP numbers on April 4, 2008. The transition is now completed; you can now submit HUD-50058 information using either development numbers "AL174001" or using the new AMP number "AL174000001". You will have one year to change your development numbers in SACS to your assigned AMP numbers.

If you had duplicate building/unit numbers that were not corrected before the transition, these were changed during the transition. You will need to change these in SACS to match what is in PIC or the 50058s associated with these units will be rejected. For detailed instructions on changing this information in SACS download Technical Notice 145 (Sacs Classic) or Technical Notice 3 (Sacs Net) from our website.

On March 31, 2008 HUD released PIH Notice 2008-16, "Guidance on Asset Management Provisions in the Consolidate Appropriations Act". This notice addresses the exemption of asset management for PHAs between 250-400 units. HUD interprets the provisions of the act to provide a one extension of the asset management requirements.

Technical Support

Sacs.Net gives you the ability to email program exceptions to SACS. If you receive a pop-up box with an exception message, please click on the Email to Sacs option and then give our technical support department a call. The technician can use the information in the email to help diagnose the problem.

With the integration of SACS.Net and Microsoft Office, you have the ability to create, edit and personalize your letters and leases. Your housing authority logo and any digital signatures can also be added to give your documents a professional look.

Useful Information

256-329-1205 Telephone
256-329-0952 Accounting Fax
256-329-0185 Technical Support Fax

Website http://www.sacsinc.com

Through our website, you can sign up for Technical Support emails, print SACS User Manuals, review and install updates for the software, and find contact information for all employees at SACS.