

Analysis of the Historic Properties Data Element in the OSD Facilities Analysis Database

Project # 07-376

Background:

Executive Order 13327 (February 2004) created the Federal Real Property Council (FRPC), established the role of the Senior Real Property Officer, and mandated the creation of a centralized real property database. At the same time, "real property" was added to the President's Management Agenda.

In 2005, the FRPC defined 23 real property data elements for the Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP) database. All executive branch agencies were required to submit data to the FRPP, at the constructed asset level, for each of the data elements by Dec15, 2005. "Historic Status" is one of the 23 data elements.

DoD's real property inventory (RPI) is the core of requirement and resource models for Facilities Sustainment Models and Facilities Recapitalization Metrics. There is a strong need to know the DoD "footprint" of historic properties to make sound business decisions.

Objective:

Using the National Council on Preservation Education (NCPE) summer intern program, an individual will work with staff from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) to collect and analyze DoD RPI information. The individual will analyze data in the Historic Properties Data Element in the OSD Facilities Analysis Database (FAD); establish baseline information for clear real property goals and objectives for DoD historic properties.

The collected information and report will assist OSD and the Military Services with improving their Section 106 and 110 programs, as well as furthering the requirements of the Preserve America and Federal Real Property Asset Management Executive Orders. The information will also improve reporting requirements established in the 2004 Defense Installations Strategic Plan (DISP) and 2007 DISP update and the forthcoming Cultural Resources DoD Instruction (DoDI).

Summary of Approach:

Using the National Council on Preservation Education summer intern program, an individual will work for three months with OSD staff as follows:

1. Create and coordinate data queries specific to the Historic Properties Data Element in the OSD FAD with ODUSD(I&E)IRM. Cross-reference historic property data with other categories, such as condition and use.

- 2. Synthesize data into specific lists- by Service, by state, by installation, by Region (Army / Navy) and by MAJCOM (Air Force).
- 3. Define and illustrate trends- age of assets, location, condition, mission supporting use, construction type, etc.
- 4. Identify potential problem areas data gaps, inconsistent or erroneous data, etc.
- 5. Compile report of effort; coordinate draft results with cultural resources representatives from Services; finalize report through OSD.

Benefit:

This project will provide a baseline inventory of historic real property assets DoD-wide. Performing similar queries in out years will provide needed information on the health of the historic property inventory - how are the assets utilized in support of the military mission; are they in good condition, etc. This initial report, as well as follow-on periodic snapshots of the inventory, will provide important information on the eligibility status of DoD real property. It will also potentially provide opportunities for further programmatic approaches (under the National Historic Preservation Act) to identify, evaluate, and manage the quickly growing inventory of historic properties under DoD control.

Accomplishments:

The intern successfully compiles all DoD FAD information from ODUSD(I&E)IRM in the Summer of 2007. Staff from DoD and the Military Services will use this information to continue to improve their cultural resources management programs.

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