Formtek awarded a contract to provide Engineering Data Management software for the GSA Public Buildings Service

The software will be used for GSA's BIM Central Facility Repository Project

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Concord, California USA — Formtek, Inc., a leading provider of document and content management solutions for over two decades, announced today that it had been awarded a contract for software licenses to be used by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Public Buildings Service.

As the landlord for the civilian federal government and one of the largest building owners in the nation, Public Buildings Service (PBS) acquires space on behalf of the federal government through new construction and leasing, and acts as a caretaker for federal properties across the country. In 2003, the GSA, through its PBS Office of Chief Architect, established the National 3D-4D Building Information Modeling (BIM) Program. A major component to GSA using BIM effectively for facility management is the establishment of a Central Facility Repository, or CFR, that will store all facility data, including AutoCAD® design and drawing files.

The software provided to GSA PBS by Formtek will form the basis for the CFR. The software includes Alfresco One, the leading Open Source Enterprise Content Management Platform, as well as the Formtek Engineering Data Management (EDM) Solution for Alfresco – including the EDM Module, EDM Data Extractor, and EDM Connector for AutoCAD.

The Formtek EDM Module installs on the Alfresco server. It provides a pre-configured content model, complete with metadata properties and forms, for both engineering documents and drawings. For management of AutoCAD files, the EDM Module includes a converter which automatically renders DWG, DWF, and DXF file types for viewing within Alfresco Share. The EDM Data Extractor extracts attributes present in AutoCAD files, including those in the drawing title block, and maps the extracted data to EDM properties within Alfresco.

The Formtek EDM Connector for AutoCAD is a software plug-in for AutoCAD that allows users to interact with the Alfresco content repository directly from within the AutoCAD application. The EDM Connector maintains the integrity of referenced drawings (XREFs), as well as other types of referenced files (DGN, PDF, raster, etc.), by automatically associating them to the current drawing.

"Formtek has a successful history of providing mission-critical content management solutions to some of the most demanding organizations in the world", said Dennis M. Scanlon, Formtek's President and COO. "With the Formtek EDM Solution for Alfresco, we are leveraging the Company's extensive domain expertise in engineering and facility environments to provide the industrial market with a state-of the-art alternative for managing engineering information. We are very pleased that the General Services Administration has chosen Alfresco and Formtek software for the BIM Central Facility Repository project."

Additional information on Formtek's EDM Solution can be found on Formtek's website, at http://formtek.com/products/formtek/edm_solution/.

About Formtek

Formtek provides Content Management software and services to some of the most demanding engineering, manufacturing, aerospace, government, and industrial operations in the world. Formtek builds solutions on technology platforms that are open and adaptable to complex IT environments, including the Formtek | Orion Content Repository Services platform, Ephesoft Intelligent Document Capture, and the Alfresco One ECM platform. Formtek's products include the Formtek Engineering Data Management (EDM) Solution for Alfresco, and the Formtek Software Extensions for Alfresco. Formtek is also an authorized reseller of IGC Brava for Alfresco.

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