e-Builder 6.4 Upgrade

The following information summarizes the e-Builder 6.4 benefits. The information is grouped by module to assist you in understanding the benefits as they relate to the modules you currently use.

Documents

- How do you track or find a document? Do you look in the document tree or do you find the cost, form or schedule item that it is associated to first? Or both? To speed up the search and find flow and assist you in understanding where a document is used we have added an attached to tab in the file properties of each file loaded in e-Builder. It will show you where the document is in use and with only one click of the mouse you will be directed to its source detail.
- Do you send documents out of e-Builder to your vendors or clients? To help you keep track of all outbound messaging as a point of record, we made it possible for each user to now have their own 'Sent Items' outbox that automatically tracks all notifications sent out of e-Builder.

Forms

- Need to further brand or customize your form logs (e.g., an RFI log)? You can now merge your form data into a word document template that mirrors your log reports. Merge multiple forms into a document for your meetings or for distribution with one click. Spend less time building out and maintaining your log data and more time managing the project.

My Setup

- Where do you do most of your work? Are you a part of a few projects or maybe you focus most of your attention in documents during design review or forms to manage your construction administration? Either way you can now set it up so that upon login you will automatically be directed to the module and project of your choice.

Schedule

- New integration features with MS Project allow you to export your schedule from e-Builder to MS Project for external distribution.

- Do you prefer a Gantt view when collaborating on your milestone or critical tasks? For your task reports we added an easy way for you to generate a Gantt view. You can select standard columns to include within the graphical report and then print it out.

Reports

- Improved interface and layout in multiple steps within the reporting wizard to simplify how you manage and create reports.
- We also built a new report type for the administrator to help them validate or reconcile form type permissions across the entire account.

Bidding

- Are you responsible for sending message updates to your bidders when addenda occur? You can attach supporting documentation to your bid messaging to ensure your bidders are receiving and viewing your critical bid updates.
- To assist invited bidders who pass the invitation along to their colleagues to participate, we made it easy for the forwarded bidder to request participation. A notification is immediately sent to the bid contact so as to decide whether or not to grant access to the forwarded bidder. We sped up the time it takes to reconcile further bid participation.
- To speed the printing of plans and specs, if your local reprographer or print vendor is signed up with e-Builder, the plans & specs loaded will be listed for you and your bidders in the order of the index sheet. And, each plan will be grouped by sheet type, such as Architectural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, etc.

Administration

- We made it easier for you to assign permissions to document folders and validate the updates in one screen.
- Do you often include files with your folder templates? If so, you can now copy files when applying a folder structure template to a project so you don't have to upload the documents separately after applying the folder structure template.
- Need tighter control on bid document setup? We set it up so you can build bidder permissions in your folder structure to speed up the configuration or mapping of the bid document folders for your bidders and prevent the mistake of assigning internal folders that bidders could potentially access.

- We added NEW icons for your document file types to make it easier to differentiate across the different file types. We also updated the public and fax/email enabled icons to make them easier to distinguish from other folders.