

e-Builder 6.5 Upgrade

The following information summarizes the benefits available in this latest release, and is grouped by module:

Forms

1. If you deal with short-term project participants, e.g., outside consultants, vendors, subcontractors and/or engineers, we made it easier to designate temporary e-Builder team members without requiring them to be full time users of e-Builder. Based on feedback, we expanded this feature by allowing anyone (besides the user who has the form in their court) that can comment on the form to request an external comment. This further facilitates and enables collaboration with all project participants, regardless of whether they are a licensed user..

Documents

1. Do you send documents out of e-Builder on a regular basis to project team members who are not listed as project participants in e-Builder? You may now look up these external contacts, and save time by leveraging e-Builder's contact database when sending documents from e-Builder (without having to go to an external database), and still maintain an audit trail of outgoing messages.
2. If you utilize our public folders in e-Builder to help facilitate your processes (i.e., tenant coordination, procurement, issue resolutions) we've made it possible for project participants who have access to public folders to easily download all the documents at once by clicking on a multi-download button.

Bid

1. Do you order prints for your vendors during the procurement process? Do you have a local reprographer that you do business with on a regular basis? If you answered yes to these questions you can take advantage of an **integrated print order wizard** that allows you to order prints online. This feature automatically sends the print order information to your reprographer of choice for efficient processing, provides you status updates on your orders, along with feedback to produce a competitive bid coverage report.
2. If you subscribed to the NEW print order reprographer tool set above we expanded its capabilities by automatically including the shipping # of the courier in each vendor print order transmittal. This expedites the print order process by eliminating the manual step of looking up and entering the courier account (charge) number.
3. When building out your potential bidder list do you normally distribute this list to your colleagues or management team to approve the list before proceeding with the official invitation to bid? If so we added the ability to print out this list with for external distribution purposes.

Cost

1. Are you responsible for entering commitment invoices in e-Builder? We have improved the 'Save & Add New' process on commitment invoices by allowing you to also set the commitment status at the time of data entry. This reduces the steps required to enter invoices, enabling you to update the invoice status on one screen without needing to return to it after entering the commitment invoice details.
2. Do you track the project cost summary frequently to gauge your project's health? If so we've made it easier to understand what makes up a total commitment value for a budget line item. You can now see every commitment and its value associated to that line item with one click.
3. In addition to commitments for a budget line item above we also added a commitment changes tab in the budget line item details to help you quickly understand (one click) what makes up the total commitment change amount (e.g. change orders) from the project cost summary.
4. How are you planning your budgets today? Do you use formulas to calculate other line items (or categories) in your work breakdown structure? In budget templates or while entering the details when creating a budget you can enter a formula for each budget line item that uses data from other line items for the calculation. You will be able to quickly produce accurate estimates using past project data (e.g. contingency for the last 5 projects has been 5% of the total). Or if, for example, there is an owner directive adding additional scope to the budget and you execute a budget change and add a line item, e-Builder will automatically include (if you choose to) all associated budget line items that are affected due to a formula.

Schedule

1. We built a visual queue to make it easier to compare schedule snapshots and save you time when managing change on your schedules.

Reports

1. We all know the importance of monitoring your milestones on your schedules. In e-Builder you can roll up finish dates on your important tasks (or key performance indicators) across projects. We expanded your visibility by now including the start date of these master tasks.
2. For all of your reports that you access in e-Builder we will automatically lock the header row so that information is easier to follow, simplifying the review of information across lengthy reports.

Administration

1. Are you being tasked to fill the role as the e-Builder Administrator at your organization and still manage your other day-to-day tasks? If so you can enable other team members to close out forms. You will be able to share your workload by delegating minor tasks, in turn allowing you to focus on other, perhaps higher-priority issues.
2. For those administrators that are tasked with creating and managing form types in e-Builder we now display the form type name in every edit screen so you know what you're working on