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Subject: eCRV2 Update: Release Candidate #1

This morning, we've released another round of eCRV2 builds (County, City, Submit, Search, State) to the sandbox test region(s). This one is a little different!

This is our first "Release Candidate" for the new eCRV2 Production System.

What's a Release Candidate? Great Question!!

A Release Candidate is a version that represents exactly what we're intending to release to Production on August 15th. We're not intending to add any more features (or bugs!) at this point, and this build is the exact set of features that will move to Production UNLESS we hear otherwise from you, the users, that you've discovered a "show-stopper" issue. In that case, we'd fix it and do another build, calling it "Release Candidate #2", etc...

The idea here is that we're hoping NOT to have a Release Candidate #2, but rather take the code we have right now and move it all the way to Production.

Does that mean development on eCRV2 halts? Certainly not! There obviously will be ongoing releases as we move forward. 'Upload to', and 'download from' the eCRV2 system are just two of the new features we're intending to add as soon as we're in Production and begin adding more counties and cities to the mix.

I'd like to thank Teresa Mitchell and the crew over at Dakota County, who have stuck with us (they had no choice <wink!>) to get this far. They've been relentless in their testing, and have shown us they're not bashful at suggesting new features, and in making us think a bit more outside the box.

This release would not be possible without their input, and extreme patience! You should thank them too; they've helped blaze a trail many of you will follow and use in your everyday work for years to come.

Speaking of input and suggestions, I'd like to call your attention to two items in the attached/imbedded graphic below.

The first item is how to get help. We don't want you going it alone. We're here to help! You can call or email us. We have people available to assist. Please remember, eCRV2 is new for them, too, and they may not always know the answer right away. They may need to talk with the business or development side of the house before they can answer your needs. Remember, there is also online help available (City online help will be forthcoming!) in the applications themselves, and we've attempted to anticipate/answer obvious questions users may have.

Need help? Call (651)556-eCRV (3278) or email: eCRV.support@state.mn.us

Version - 2.3RC1.B12.20110804

The second item is the version number. It's at the bottom of every page once you login and begin using eCRV2. The version number looks intimidating, but it's not. The above version number simply means: version 2.3 Release Candidate #1, B12 (Build #12), built on 08/04/2011.

When you report an issue it would be very helpful if you would reference the version number - so we can find where in our code we need to look, to resolve it.

The following issues have been addressed in today's builds:

- +++ Changes to provide a user friendly error message on the accept page
- +++ when no initial step is setup. (thanks Olmsted County!) Fix
- +++ PropertyClass and PropertyUse matching in the Public Search Added lease option to buy indicator to PDF and Summary views.
- +++ Added comments field for price difference on PDF Update Submit application Help page.
- +++ Created new ListService method to list all workflow codes by agency and work flow type. (allows users to search for deactivated workflow steps, county and city)
- +++ Update Submit application Help page.
- +++ Changed County & City User Interfaces to use all workflow codes(active and inactive) for search criteria.
- +++ Set version number to first "Release Candidate" build.
- +++ More speed improvements.

Web Links to the Applications:

County Application

https://www.dortest.mdor.state.mn.us/ecrv_county

Public Search

https://www.dortest.mdor.state.mn.us/ecrv_search

Submitter Application

https://www.dortest.mdor.state.mn.us/ecrv_submit

City Application

https://www.dortest.mdor.state.mn.us/ecrv_city

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