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## WELCOME TO THE SMS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of the SMS Newsletter! You can expect to see issues released quarterly and will include announcements, updates on the current efforts, and insight into the people that make the magic happen at SMS-TCX.

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## SMS SUMMIT 2024

In August, our team hosted the annual SMS Summit at the National Academies in Washington, D.C. where attendees got the latest look at ESMS's UI and a demonstration of its capabilities across domains. Panel discussions, Q&A sessions, and breakout sessions were held to share best practices between federal facilities personnel and industry practitioners, where there was great engagement from attendees.

The SMS team came away with a renewed appreciation for the vast challenge of infrastructure management, and

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some great insights to fuel ongoing research, and development work.

A huge thank you to National Academies and the Federal Facilities Council, and all attendees for helping make this the best Summit yet! If you weren't able to make it, you can view the recordings on the [event site](#).

## ESMS DOMAIN STATUS

We are approaching a MVP for the buildings domain, which will finalize core ESMS capabilities. These core requirements are shared across domains, which will create a cascading completion effect and help bring functionality to all domains in ESMS.

### DOMAIN SPOTLIGHT: UTILITIES

After the Utilities CSP in Q3 FY24, six data models have reached a final draft and harmonized with the corresponding SDSFIE gold model for utilities. The SDSFIE program staff are preparing to formalize the new model by having it approved by the joint governing group.

We expect to have the next Utilities CSP meeting scheduled in late Q1 FY25 with a focus on reviewing the new data models.

**Want more insight into domain development?**  
You can view domain status updates and more on our [website](#) by navigating to *SMS Products* and selecting *ESMS*.

## REFINING DATA MIGRATION WITH DHA

The SMS team hosted the DHA in Champaign, IL last month at ERDC's Construction Engineering Research Laboratory to coordinate our approach to migrating their data from Builder to ESMS. The two-day session was collaborative in nature, with a variety of specialists from both organizations working in tandem to refine our processes and identify gaps. Our team is currently testing the import function on live data in preparation for initial migration and data parity. This session was an overwhelming success, and will provide a valuable template of detailed questions to address for all Builder stakeholders migrating to ESMS.

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## ESMS MOBILE DEVELOPMENT

Funding for the ESMS Mobile development effort was approved in Q4 of FY24. Since then, our development team has been hard at work gathering requirements to execute the mobile application, and we expect to have a minimum viable product in Q3 FY25. The development efforts will also include a QA/QC staging area in the web app where users can validate field data prior to merging into live production data.

## QUICK UPDATES

- Our 5 step SMS process has a new look! Check it out on our [website](#).
- Builder ATO extended through 27 AUG 25.
- Clint Wilson, Research Civil Engineer and the Utilities domain lead here at SMS-TCX, was awarded the Government Civil Engineer of the Year at the Centennial banquet for the Central Illinois ASCE. Congratulations Clint!

## THE RIGHT DATA AT THE RIGHT TIME

Mike Johnson, a Research Civil Engineer with SMS-TCX, went on ERDC Live to discuss the SMS process and tools, the impact it has had, and the launch of ESMS. You can watch the interview [here](#).



## MEET THE TEAM

Hi! I'm Kori McGraw, the face behind this newsletter and SMS-TCX's newest Technical Writer. I have a bachelor's in communications, a background working in tech, and an interest in graphic and UX design. Outside of work you can usually find me in the woods (hopefully) around a campfire or curled up on the couch with a good book and my dog, Juniper. I like to compete in Triathlons (when I'm not injured) and enjoy cooking for family and friends.

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