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Subject: Changes to Accessing Non-Government Standards through WBDG

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References: Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) website <http://www.wbdg.org/>

1. The yearly contract for accessing non-government design and construction standards through the Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) website has been modified for FY12. Many standards that were listed on the MADCAD documents service are now listed on IHS - another document service.
2. The contract with MADCAD involved a limited number of persons accessing a document at a time with further complications when saving a copy of the document (saved copies have been non-retrievable after 21 days only). The IHS service allows for much better access; however, many older versions of the standards are now not accessible.
3. It should be noted that the use of these document search services are intended for use by the Engineering & Construction Division of the Army, Air Force, Navy, and NASA only as intended by DOD funding. E & C Division personnel can access non-government standards by clicking on the DOD symbol under participating agencies on the WBDG homepage.
4. The Corps will be working with the Navy to improve the contract for FY13 to enable the most cost effective access of documents. For frequently used older documents no longer accessible in the WBDG website, the field is asked to contact their discipline sub-community of practice leader to inquire about revising the current contract to include these documents or to include in the FY13 contract. Funding is limited to include older superseded documents, as such the requested documents should be prioritized.
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