Decision-support for long-range K-12 school facility planning

FORMAT-Pro® is decision-support software for long-range, K-12 school facility master planning and capital planning created by and for facility planners and managers. It was developed for non-technical users to enable them to work with multiple data and information sources from various points within a school district and provide user friendly reports and school profiles to decision makers and the public.

FORMAT-Pro® makes it possible to analyze historical, current, and projected data and information. FORMAT is an acronym for Facilities Operations Resource Management Analysis Tool. It can be purchased as a software license or as a web-based service.

FORMAT-Pro® is unique in its ability to perform comprehensive analyses of multiple school facility data sets by collecting them into a single database. It can look at maintenance, construction, student enrollment, and other data sets, making it easy to understand and build a variety of scenarios and reports using data from selected fields. It fully integrates with other information systems and software.

FORMAT-Pro® is an end piece software product. It is not meant to replace databases used in school systems, but rather to use the existing data for more effective facility and capital planning. It turns hundreds of thousands of data records into the information needed to make well informed, objective, and justifiable decisions. Unlike off-the-shelf

data analysis platforms, FORMAT-Pro® was designed specifically to work with school facility data. It is free of the complexities built into other programs for analysis of unrelated data.

Unique Features of FORMAT-Pro®:

- Over 500 fields of site specific data per school
- Capable of multi-year tracking
- Intuitive interface and navigation
- Easy to use reports and school profiles
- Customizable standards and cost estimates
- Designed for non-technical users
- Ability to analyze enrollment, utilization, building components, capital improvements, and operating and capital expenditures with easy to use "Query Builder"
- ODBC compatible
- Imports and exports data to multiple data sources—Oracle, Access, comma delimited and fixed-width files
- Single user and network versions available
- Web version in development

FORMAT-Pro® was developed by the 21st Century School Fund and Lee Technologies. 21CSF is a nonprofit dedicated to building the public will and capacity to improve public school facilities. Lee Technologies designs, builds, and implements automated custom applications for small and medium-sized businesses.

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