Newsletter

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Cost Data Support Group (CDSG)

What's Inside

Welcome!

The fall season has been very busy for the CADE community! In our last issue, we introduced the roll out of a new collaborative feature to our Data & Analytics application that will allow government users to share tools and aggregated datasets relevant to cost estimating and analysis. We have continued to add new functionality for this feature to make it fully operational. The CADE Support and CADE Training teams introduced new webinars and virtual training courses for both industry and government users.

In this issue, we will review highlights from the OSD CAPE Cost and Technical Virtual Focus Group held in October. We'll spotlight the new CADE Webinar series and the new CADE for Program Managers virtual course. We will also highlight the new additions made to the Datasets, Tools and Models Hub (DTMHub) feature in Data & Analytics.

We are excited to share these new features and training opportunities with you and look forward to hearing your feedback!

- The CADE Team

OSD CAPE Cost and Technical Virtual Focus Group

On October 21 and 22, 2020 the OSD CAPE conducted a very successful and productive Virtual Focus Group that promoted discussion amongst a broad group of both Government and Industry cost and systems engineering communities.

There were a series of Industry and Government panels that addressed the latest status on a variety of cost, software, and technical reporting, data collection, and policy initiatives. Following each panel, there was a community feedback forum geared toward formulating solutions and answering questions to concerns raised during panel discussions.

List of some discussions from the two-day event:

- Working with Government Stakeholders to establish standard process and guidance when reviewing reports for COVID related impacts
- Contracts with FlexFile initiative
- DoD Cost Estimating Guide and DoD Cost and Acquisition Policy Updates
- Inflation & Escalation Best Practices
- Sustainment Data Collection and Policy
- New CADE Features for Software Data Reporting
- Contractor Business Data Report (1921-3) Changes
- Required Cost and Software Data Reports per DODI 5000.73

The Presentation Materials can be found at the CADE Public site under News or by copying the following link into your browser https://cade.osd.mil/News/blog. Meeting minutes from the event will be available soon!

What's New?

DTMHub is LIVE - Submit your Apps Here

The CADE Team is happy to announce that the new Datasets, Tools and Models Hub (DTMHub) feature in Data & Analytics is now available! The DTMhub enhances collaboration within the Cost Community and brings more data to the fingertips of all government analyst. Endorsing organizations will be able to add tools that can be utilized by the larger cost community. Analytical tools that should be uploaded into the DTMHub consist of datasets, models and resources that have been developed by analysts across the DoD. As we mentioned in the last issue, the functionality for the DTMHub was delivered in two increments. Increment 1 delivered in July 2020 introduced administrative management of the application for endorsing organizations and POCs. Increment 2 delivered in October 2020 introduced an improved Data & Analytics landing page to allow analysts to search, view and download endorsed data items.

Government analyst can access the DTMHub by going to Data & Analytics where they will be able to search and download datasets, tools and models that have been published.

DTMHub: Keyword search

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Entering Search parameters returns items that meet criteria

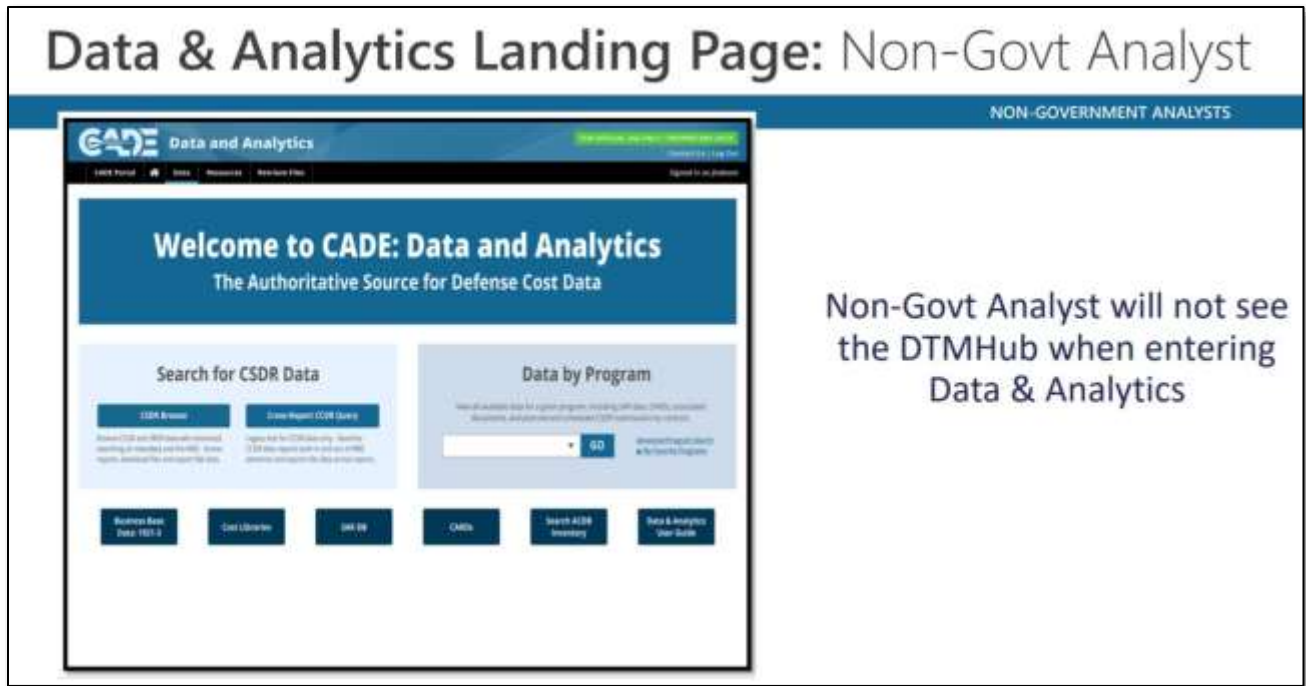Keyword searches through All metadata fields entered by the Admin

DTMHub: Access a specific app

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Ability to download items and user guides

Data & Analytics Landing Page: Non-Govt Analyst

The CADE team is actively engaging and reaching out to organizations across the DoD. If you are interested in becoming an Endorsing Organization please contact the CADE Support Help Desk at CADESupport@tecolote.com or (253) 564-1979 Ex. 2 for more information.

An overview of DTMHub and other system updates made during recent and past software release can be found in the CADE Software Release Notes on the Initiatives page in the CADE Portal or by copying the following link into your browser https://service.cade.osd.mil/cadeportal/site/Initiatives.aspx.

CADE Training & Webinars

Date	CADE Training Classes
12/02	CADE 201: All Services
12/09	CADE 201: All Services
12/09	CADE Webinar Series: Reviewing the FlexFile DEI/FFS
12/16	CADE Webinar Series: Learning cPet Web
12/22	CADE Webinar Series: Learning cPet Desktop

In order to view and register for the upcoming webinars, you can view the list here: https://cade.osd.mil/support/events and click on the blue button labeled "Register for CADE Training Events".

CADE Regional Training 2020

The CADE Regional Training continues to operate optimally in the virtual environment, with over 15 trainings executed to date! There are two (2) remaining sessions on December 2nd and 9th! These sessions are geared specifically for the respective Service Cost Centers, SYSCOMs, and PEOs Government and Support contractors using real examples and applicable programs. CADE 101 presented a Cost and Software Data Reporting (CSDR) overview. FlexFile 101 introduced the Fundamentals of FlexFile. CADE 201 covers CSDR Planning, CSDR Implementation, FlexFile Insights & Updates and demonstrates how to leverage CADE to compare the new formats (FlexFile) to existing data (CADE 101). As always, you can access On-Demand Course Offerings and the latest TRAINING CALENDAR from the MY LEARNING page within your Bridge account (https://cade.bridgeapp.com) or at https://cade.osd.mil/support and enroll directly in classes there. If you have any questions, please contact CADE Training Team Lead Mr. Torri Preston, Torri.R.Preston.CTR@mail.mil.

Bridge LMS Highlights

The Bridge LMS continues to gain momentum with upwards of 1,853 lifetime users! The new features and course offerings have garnered the attention of Government and Industry analyst alike. With the Bridge Learning and Performance Management Platform, you can give them the ability to learn and grow in ways that support their lifelong career goals, while keeping them aligned and connected to your organizations cost analysis vision and strategy. In particular, our new Non-ACAT I CSDR Training course that will be available on Bridge along with CADE for Analysts 101 is recommended for Government; CADE for Submitters for Industry; and FlexFile 101 for both. Below is a description of new courses available On-Demand.

CADE for Contracting Officers

This course discusses how the CSDRs in CADE can be used as authoritative "other than certified cost and pricing data" in price analysis, cost analysis, and cost realism analysis. Students will learn what the data comprises, how to access it, and what their responsibilities are in putting CSDR Cost Data Requirements Lists (CDRLs) on contract. We will address how CADE helps meet contracting community objectives of justifying a fair and reasonable price, efficiently analyzing proposals, and gaining leverage in negotiations. *This course is recommended not just for contracting officers but also contract specialists and cost and price analysts.*

CADE for Program Managers

This virtual course discusses how the CSDRs in CADE can be used to inform crucial decisions about system design and program acquisition across the life cycle. Students will learn what the data comprises, how to access it, and what their responsibilities are in putting CSDR CDRLs on contract. We will address how CADE helps meet the acquisition community objective of fielding and supporting capable and affordable systems for the warfighter in a timely manner. *This course is recommended not just for program managers but all those playing key program office roles such as systems engineering, budget and finance, and logistics*

CADE Webinar Series

The CADE Support Team has kicked off its webinar series to provide guided instruction on how to use CADE applications and tools. The Bridge LMS courses and CADE training events provide an excellent resource for explaining the policy, stakeholders, and processes for implementing CSDR requirements and CADE data initiatives. These webinars are an additional tool to highlight how these trainings are then put into practice within CADE. Each webinar is catered to specific CADE user roles in order to provide more detailed instruction throughout the webinar on topics such as creating your cost reports and submitting them into CADE. We are now offering the webinars via Zoom and Microsoft teams in order to accommodate both government and industry CADE users. In order to view and register for the upcoming webinars, you can view the list here:

https://cade.osd.mil/support/events and click on the blue button labeled "Register for CADE Training Events". An email with a calendar invitation for the webinar will be sent shortly after registration. All topics for the webinars are informed by the most common questions and concerns submitted to the CADE Support Help Desk. If you have suggestions for future webinar topics, please contact the CADE Support Help Desk at CADESupport@tecolote.com to provide your feedback. We look forward to having you!

Upcoming Webinar Topics:

- Submitting in CADE
- Reviewing the FlexFile DEI/FFS
- Learning cPet Web
- Learning cPet Desktop
- Technical Data Overview

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I update my email address and other profile information for my CADE account?

A: Several organizations have undergone email migration efforts that have changed email addresses for its members. If this has happened in your organization, or you have experienced any other contact information changes, please log in to the CADE Portal and select MY ACCOUNT, then select UPDATE PROFILE to make changes to your contact information.

Q: I'm a new user to CADE and having some difficulty submitting my CCDR report?

A: We understand how using any software or application for the first time can be a bit difficult for any user. As for having to submit required CCDR reports, reporting requirements are outlined in the approved CSDR plan and Contract Data Requirement List (CDRL) for the contract. If you need details on how to submit CCDR reports and using applications within the CADE Portal you can find these how to user guides and training videos on the CADE Public site under Training or by copying the following link into your browser https://cade.osd.mil/support/guides-videos.

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