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Welcome!

This winter has been very busy for the CADE community! The Cost Data Support Group (CDSG) remains dedicated to delivering top-notch support to our government and industry stakeholders. In our last issue, we highlighted the new Datasets, Tools and Models Hub (DTMHub) feature in Data & Analytics. The DTMhub enhances collaboration within the Cost Community and brings more data to the fingertips of all government analyst. Additionally, the CADE Support & Training Teams introduced new webinars and virtual training courses for both industry and government users.

In this issue, we will highlight new features that have been added to the system, such as:

- Air Force Library

- Software Resource Data Report (SRDR) Integration into the CSDR Submit Review and Data & Analytics applications

- Joint Integrated Analysis Tool (JIAT) Bulk Data Flat Files Library

In addition to these great new features, we have also reinstated the Selected Acquisition Report (SAR) Database, published the DoD Cost Estimating Guide, and updated the CSDR Standard Plan Templates to reflect changes in the newly released MIL-STD-881E.
We are excited to share these new features and training opportunities with you and look forward to hearing your feedback!

- The CADE Team

What's New?

Air Force Library

The Air Force Library feature has been added to the Data & Analytics application to provide secure access to service-specific, programmatic documents. Designated Air Force librarians will manage library content and restrict access to designated user groups. Government analysts will be able to search Air Force library contents in three ways: (1) utilizing the Air Force Library link from the cost libraries drop down; (2) using the task bar in Data & Analytics and selecting the Data drop down; (3) going to the CADE Library and using the manage service (or other filters). New capability within the CADE and Air Force Library allows designated librarians to control access to a document(s) and restrict access to a specific organization or service. However, analysts interested in restricted documents will have the ability to request access from the librarian.

Software Resource Data Report (SRDR) Integration

Software Resource Data Report (SRDR) functionality has expanded to support the upload/submission, ingestion, validation and export of SRDR Development (Dev) & Maintenance (Mx) data. Just as analysts can access the cost data via bulk downloads in CADE, the software data capability it being incrementally updated to integrate and modernize the data access within CADE, as well as reduce the time spent formulating the data into analyst-ready formats. To meet this goal, the CSDR Submit-Review application now allows submitters to upload SRDR Dev & Mx machine-readable formats in XML or XLS that can be validated against the CSDR Plans and seamlessly integrated into bulk data exports. Government SRDR data reviewers will be able to view the dimensional exports generated from the data submissions in the CSDR-SR, in addition to the human-readable SRDR forms.

The Data & Analytics application now allows government analysts to bulk export the SRDR Dev & Mx dimensional exports, in addition to the Legacy (NAVAIR) SRDR Database (2630 series), by going to CSDR Browse

feature. When a search is executed for software data, the "SRDR Data" tab will appear along with the bulk data export buttons for these SRDRs. The capability for the SRDR ERP is currently under development with an expected release in March 2021. The details below provide further explanation of the SRDR updates that are now available.

An overview of 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.

Upload machine-readable SRDR Dev/Mx & Validate in CSDR-SR

- The CSDR Submit-Review application allows submitters to upload SRDR Dev & Mx formats in XML or XLS.

Reviewing the SRDR Dev/Mx data in the CSDR-SR

- From the SRDR Validation tab, SRDR data reviewer can download and view the dimensional export of the data and the associated validation error report.

CADE D&A – CSDR Browse, SRDR Data Bulk Download

- Analysts have the ability export SRDR Dev and Mx Data to view the dimensional exports generated from the data submissions.

Selected Acquisition Report (SAR)

The SAR Database was reinstated on January 22, 2021 and is now accessible from the CADE Portal. A more

comprehensive set of bulk downloads were incorporated and a new funding bulk download was added. The new funding bulk download provides additional granularity and can be configured to pull data annually, non-annually and by appropriation.

Joint Integrated Analysis Tool (JIAT)

JIAT, is an Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Cost and Economics (ODASA-CE), Army sponsored platform, hosted in CADE, that allows analysts to search, retrieve, and incorporate official validated data into their cost estimates and models. The application supports Automated Cost Database (ACDB) and Capabilities Knowledge Database (CKB).

A recent new feature added to JIAT is the ACDB Bulk Data Flat Files Library. Users can download Excel files containing mapped and normalized CSDR data published to ACDB for all records within each of the four ACDB databases, Aviation, Communications and Electronics, Missiles and Munitions, and Wheel and Tracked Vehicles. By having these files readily available, government analysts can more easily utilize the data for offline manipulation in data visualization tools such as Power BI and Tableau.

The Excel files are accessible for download from the JIAT document library under the ACDB Bulk Data Flat Files section. These files are updated periodically to better reflect the published records held in ACDB. To access them, users can simply click the hyperlink for their desired flat file. The Excel file will then download to their system. Clicking on the detail icon to the right of each item provides the user with additional information.
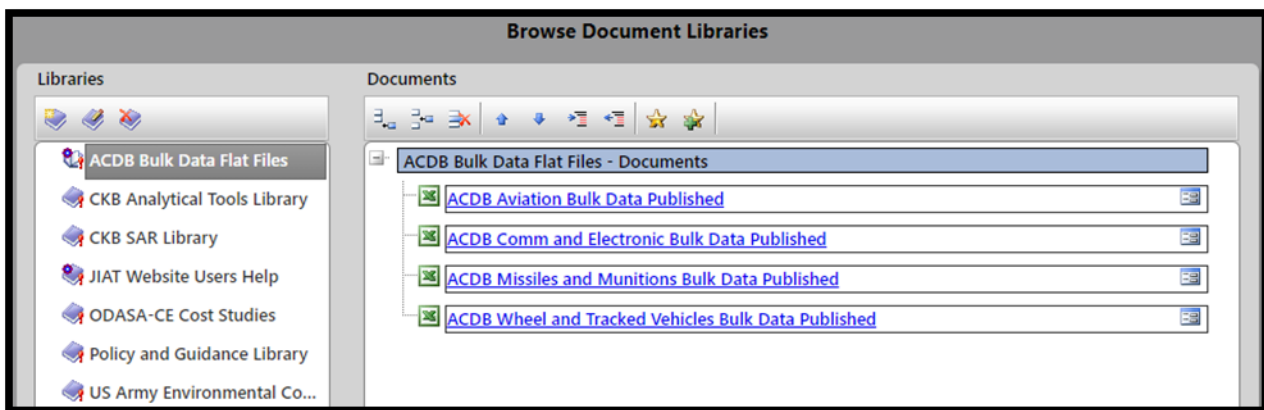
DoD Policy & Guidance

DoD Cost Estimating Guide: Version 1.0 just released
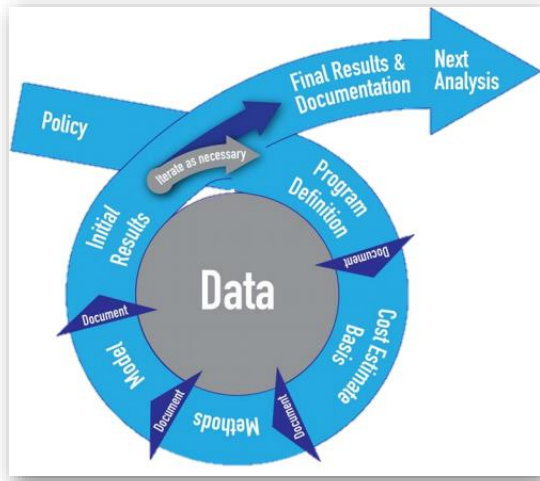
The OSD Cost Assessment & Program Evaluation (CAPE), in collaboration with Defense Agencies and Service Components, released Version 1.0 of the DoD Cost Estimating Guide, a DoD-level resource for a consistent and repeatable cost estimating process. This document provides guidelines--not mandates--for estimators across the cost community. It is both a starting point for new cost estimators and an excellent resource for the experienced cost analyst, featuring a comprehensive description of the cost estimating process, consistent terminology, consolidated lists of references and training resources, and links between DoD Policies and Component Guides.

Please see the Cost Estimating page on the CADE website https://cade.osd.mil/policy/costestimating to download and learn more about this excellent resource and its current content as well as planned content for version 2.0.

CSDR Plan Standard Templates Update

The CSDR Plan Standards have been updated to align with the MIL-STD-881E Work Breakdown Structure for Defense Materiel Items which was published on October 6, 2020. These CSDR Plan Standards serve as a starting point for the CWIPT to establish commodity-specific CSDR plans. Please see the CSDR Plan Standards page on the CADE website https://cade.osd.mil/policy/csdr-plan to learn more about the standard plans and download your plan templates by commodity and phase.

CADE Training

CADE Learning Management System (LMS) Highlights

The community's interaction with the CADE LMS continues to grow with upwards of 1,936 lifetime users! The new features and course offerings have continued to gain recognition among Government and Industry analysts.

CADE 201 is coming soon to the CADE LMS! CADE 201 instills the confidence in analysts to plan for, access, and analyze the new generation of CADE data in an interactive format. Lessons include CSDR Planning, CSDR Implementation, CADE Data Access, and FlexFile Insights and Updates. LMS users will receive a notification when it is available. In the meantime, we recommend completing CADE 101 and FlexFile 101!
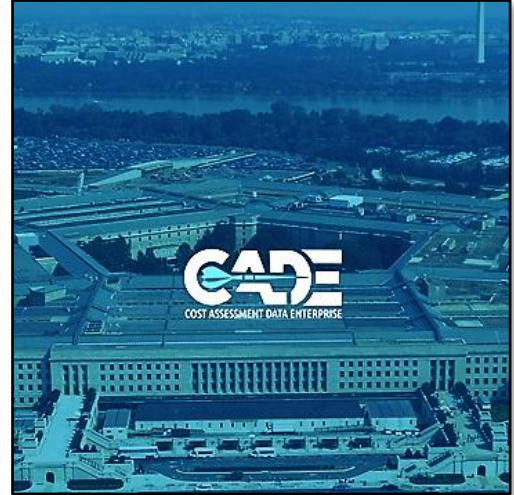
As always, you can access On-Demand Course Offerings and the latest TRAINING CALENDAR from the MY LEARNING page within your CADE LMS account https://cade.bridgeapp.com or at https://cade.osd.mil/support and enroll directly in classes/ webinars there. If you have any questions, please contact CADE Training Team Lead Mr. Torri Preston, Torri.R.Preston.CTR@mail.mil

CADE Webinar Series

The CADE Support Team provides guided instruction on how to use CADE applications and tools in bi-weekly webinar series. These webinars are an additional educational tool to the CADE LMS online training courses, and the goal is to and provide real-time examples of new features and tools as they are introduced within CADE. Each webinar is designed for specific CADE user roles (Submitter, Reviewer, Analyst) in order to provide more detailed instruction throughout the webinar on topics such as creating your cost reports and submitting them into CADE. Webinars are hosted via Zoom and Microsoft teams to accommodate both government and industry CADE users. In order to view and

CADE Webinar Series (Cont.)

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 Team. If you have suggestions for future webinar topics, please contact the us at CADESupport@Tecolote.com to provide your feedback.

Upcoming Webinar Topics:

- Submitting Legacy 1921 reports and FlexFiles in CADE
- Reviewing the FlexFile DEI/FFS
- Learning cPet Web
- Learning cPet Desktop
- Submitting and Reviewing SRDRs
- Understanding the SAR Database
- Exploring Data & Analytics (CSDR Browse, DTMHub & AF Library)

Coming Soon…

The CADE Team would like to announce that the CADE applications will no longer support the Internet Explorer (IE) browser. Within the next couple of months, users will be prompted to leverage Google Chrome and FireFox for optimal performance. Stay tuned for additional information as we work through this transition.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I change the current Expected Due Date on a submission event in CADE?

A: In order to update a submission date, you will need to contact your government Program Office POC who has a CADE account and they can submit the change. Date change requests are then reviewed by the Defense Cost and Resource (DCARC) analyst assigned to the program for approval.

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