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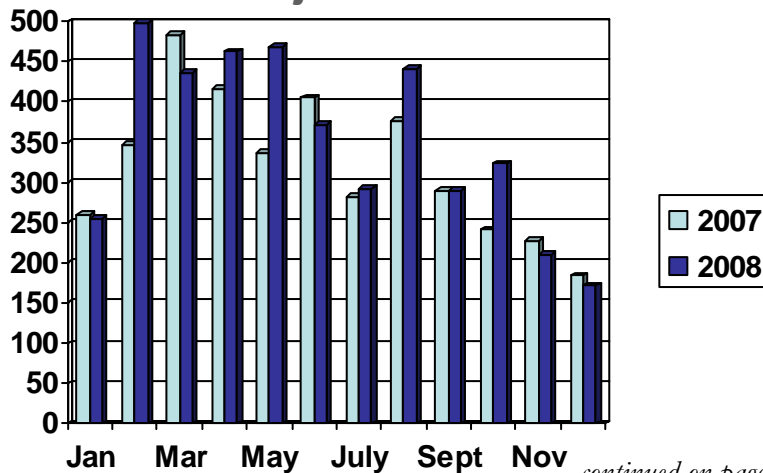
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information: Please contact Cindy Adams at 515.288.8904 or one of the plan rooms listed above.

For Technical Issues: Contact iSqFt at 888.768.4569. iSqFt also provides online help and support through the **iSqFt Online Help site**. Support Hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 8pm ET (6:30am – 7pm CST)

Click on the Support link in the left-hand navigation pane. See the "FAQ's" and "How To's" for guidance with the commonly requested support topics. In addition, be sure to view the Customer Training schedule of web-based seminars conducted throughout the week for the best chance to learn what our site has to offer.

Online iSqFt Training Seminars

Looking to enrich your iSqFt skills? iSqFt offers a variety of live and online training seminars geared to help you understand the software thoroughly. To register for a training course, simply log onto www.isqft.com and go to “Online Training Schedule” located in the Free Online Training box on the left side of the screen.

Then you can choose from six different demonstrations, which include the following:

- *Construction Network – Subcontractors (Live)*: Scheduled Live (in person) seminars for users of the iSqFt Internet Plan Room
- *Internet Plan Room Demo (Live In-Person Demo)*: These demonstrations are geared toward the subcontractor/supplier community who are interested in learning more about the Internet Plan Room
- *Invitation To Bid (Online)*: These online training seminars are geared toward the subcontractor/supplier community who have received an invitation to bid a project on iSqFt
- *iSqFt Internet Plan Room Training (Online)*: Scheduled online seminars for users of the iSqFt Internet Plan Room
- *iSqFt Toolbox2 (Online)*: Training sessions of the Toolbox2 software. These training classes are geared toward the subcontractor/supplier community who are users of the Toolbox2 software
- *Private Construction Office*: These training classes are for current customers who have already purchased an iSqFt Private Construction Office

The registration process is quite simple. If you should have any questions, please contact iSqFt technical support at 888.768.4569. Support Hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 8pm CST.

2008 Project Numbers

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With the beginnings of a new year upon us, it is always relevant to review the previous year’s statistics to get a perspective on outcomes. The year 2008 proved to be a great year for number of plans received within the Construction Update Plan Room Network. Within the network of ten plan rooms, there were a total of 4,219 projects in 2008. In 2007, there were a total number of 3,852 new projects. On Page 1 is a chart indicating the number of plans received on a monthly basis throughout 2008.



Welcome New CU Online Members

GCC – Orange City, Iowa

Custom Metal Fabricating – La Crosse, Wisconsin

Bruce Miller Masonry – West Liberty, Iowa

Iowa Power Electric, LLC – Des Moines, Iowa

Lite Window And Door – North Liberty, Iowa

Regal Contractors Inc – Waite Park, Minnesota

International Waterscapes – Santa Ana, California

Briggs Inc – Omaha, Nebraska

Taylor Ridge Drilled Foundation – Taylor Ridge, Illinois

Triple B Construction – Wilton, Iowa



I heard you can't get addenda notifications through CUonline powered by iSqFt. Is this true?

Answer: No

Background:

With their CUonline Internet Plan Room subscription, subcontractors receive 24-hour, 365-day access to project information - including plans, specs, and addenda - for over 300 currently bidding projects within Iowa, Nebraska, and Illinois. Subcontractors can receive instant updates to projects as changes occur, including instant addenda notifications via fax or email. Subcontractors have the ability to select whether they would like to receive addenda notifications automatically for all projects or for only the projects they are interested in.

How does it work?

Each subcontractor has a profile associated with their login. Within their profile, they can update what type of communications they would like to receive for project updates, new projects, or addenda notifications. The notifications come in the form of email or fax, based on the subcontractor's preference. The Construction Update Online Network also reports on an average of 650 future projects/leads. With project notifications, you can receive addenda notifications on bidding projects and updates on projects prior to the project going to bid!

You can update your profile under the Administration menu in CUonline.

Another feature in CUonline powered by iSqFt which generates addenda notifications for only projects you are interested in is Project Tracking. This feature allows you to keep tabs on Projects that are important to you in one location: the Project Tracking Page. In addition, you will also receive addenda notices via email when a new addendum is created on a Project you are tracking. To track a Project, first open a Project to the **Details** page, then click the **Track This Project!** button.

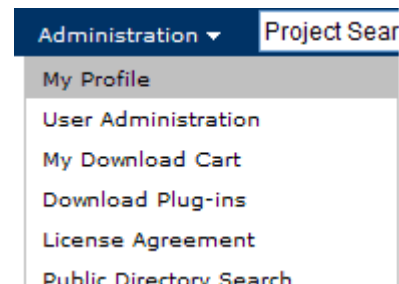
Identifying Information

[History](#) |
 [Open in Toolbox](#) |
 [Track This Project!](#) |
 [Email Plan Room](#) |
 [Print](#)

The Construction Update Network is the largest bidding information service in the industry, with the total number of projects with plans and specifications reaching 30,000 since its inception in 2001. There are nearly 2,000 members of the Construction Update Plan Room Network, with 800 of those being online internet plan room members. For our physical plan room members, notifications of addenda received in the plan room is sent via email or fax in our daily Night Line Report.

Members who would like assistance in setting up your profile to receive project addenda notifications or in receiving the Night Line Report should call Mona Dvorak at the MBI Office.

So, the next time you hear that CUonline powered by iSqFt can't send addenda notifications or do something that another service can do... JUST ASK MBI!



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