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Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) Integrated Multifamily Access eXchange (iMAX) System

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 System Overview

The Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) is designed to process subsidy contracts, tenant rental assistance information, and owner requests for payment (vouchers). TRACS collects tenant data and voucher data for project-based programs and authorizes payment for subsidy programs. Payments are based upon the voucher, contract, and tenant data residing in the system. Owner Agents are required to meet the Compliance Rule of 2003, which requires the submission of their current and active certifications (tenant data) under contract in order to receive subsidy payments. The integrated Multifamily Access eXchange (iMAX) system provides a replacement for the current TRACSMail system, enabling electronic submissions of certifications and vouchers into the TRACS system and storing all submission related data in an Oracle 10g data base.

iMAX is a web-based communication system that provides Contract Administrators (CAs) and Owner Agents (OAs) who have subsidy contracts with HUD to transmit to HUD and to other OAs and CAs registered with iMAX, tenant data and voucher data files. Files sent to HUD are logged, processed, and submitted to TRACS for payment processing by iMAX. iMAX also receives TRACS processing results and makes these results available to the external business partners of HUD.

iMAX provides two forms of access, a graphical user interface and a system-to-system communication interface. The graphical user interface is accessible through the Web Access Secure Systems (WASS) gateway at HUD. The system-to-system communication interface is available for software vendors of CAs and OAs. The system-to-system communication interface provides the same set of functionality as the graphical user interface.

The new iMAX system will keep all functions of the existing TRACSMail system. In addition, it acknowledges Monthly Activity Transmission (MAT) file submissions in a real-time manner with a unique transaction ID, which can be used later for audit log searches. The iMAX system also keeps audit logs for all MAT requests, TRACS responses, and other processing events. The iMAX system will utilize J2EE/web technologies. One of the benefits of the J2EE/web technology is that end users do not need to install any additional software. All the user needs is a work station, a web browser, and internet connection. In addition, file submission/ download and user profile management are integrated seamlessly into the web interface so that end users do not need to go to different applications for file management and user management. Administration of the system will be much easier from the web application as audit logging and user management are integrated.

Responsible Organization	
System Name	Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange (iMAX)
System Code	F87
PCAS Number	25178
System Category	Client Server
Operational Status Under Development / Pilot Phase	
System Environment Oracle 10g, Java 1.5.x, SOAP 1.2, J2EE 1.5	

1.2 Project References

The following table identifies any existing regulations, standards, or documents that are pertinent to the iMAX project.

Reference	Date
HUD System Development Methodology 6.02	9/04
iMAX – Initiate Phase – Needs Statement	10/07
iMAX – Define Phase – Functional Requirements Document	01/08
iMAX User Guide	02/09

1.3 Authorized Use Permission

Misuse of Federal Information through the HUD Secure Connection web site falls under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030. This law specifies penalties for exceeding authorized access, alterations, damage, or destruction of information residing on Federal Computers. System Administrators have access to an audit trail database that records the details of access by users.

1.4 Points of Contact

1.4.1 Information

The following is a list of the iMAX points of organizational contact (POCs) that may be needed for informational and troubleshooting purposes.



Users should always contact the Multifamily Help Desk first (see below).

Role	Location	Phone
Multifamily Help Desk	U.S. Department of Housing and	(800) 767-7588
	Urban Development	tracs@hud.gov
	451 7 th St. SW	
	Washington, DC 20410	
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	451 7 th St. SW, Room 6118	
	Washington, DC 20410	
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Project Manager	Washington, DC 20410	
Lanier Hylton	U.S. Department of Housing and	(202) 708-2677 Ext. 2510
Program Area/Sponsor	Urban Development	Lanier.M.Hylton@hud.gov
Representative	451 7 th St. SW, Room 6151	
	Washington, DC 20410	
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1.4.2 Coordination

The iMAX project required coordination with various organizations, both government and non-government, to accomplish the tasks throughout the system development life cycle. The table below lists these organizations, the coordination date and the phases in which Multifamily Housing coordinated tasks with these organizations.

Organization	Coordination Date	Support Function (Phase)
Office of Multifamily Housing	08/09/07 – 10/08/08	Participate in Project Initiation, Requirements Definition, and User Acceptance Test activities.
HUD-IT Test Center	05/06/08 – 10/08/08	Implementation Coordination, Installation, Deployment
Industry users	08/09/07 – 10/08/08	Performs verification and field-testing of software prior to releases being installed into production.
HUD Information Technology Service (HITS)	11/27/07 – 10/08/08	Provides support for web application and database servers and performs all production releases.

1.4.3 Help Desk

The Multifamily Helpdesk will be responsible for responding to any user questions or concerns. The Multifamily Helpdesk can be contacted by phone at 1-800-767-7588 or email at tracs@hud.gov.

1.5 Organization of the Manual

1.0 General Information

This section provides the user with an overview of the iMAX project. It describes the system and provides a list of contacts, references, and acronyms and abbreviations.

2.0 System Summary

This section discusses the technical aspects of the iMAX system, while paying specific attention to data flows, configuration, and user access levels.

3.0 Getting Started

This section discusses how the user logs on to the iMAX system, changes the login password, and also provides a menu for all the different aspects of the system.

4.0 Using the System Online

This section discusses all of the different uses of the iMAX system for users and administrators. It goes into detail with step by step instructions for each function.

5.0 Querying

This section discusses the querying and retrieval capabilities of the iMAX system.

6.0 Reporting

This section does not apply to the iMAX system since it does not contain this feature.

Appendix A: Status Messages

This section explains the system's status messages.

1.6 Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following table defines acronyms and abbreviations used throughout this document:

ACRONYM	Definition
CA	Contract Administrator
IG	Inspector General
iMAX	Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange
MAT	Monthly Activity Transmission
OA	Owner Agent
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol
TRACS	Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System
WASS	Web Access Secure Sub-systems

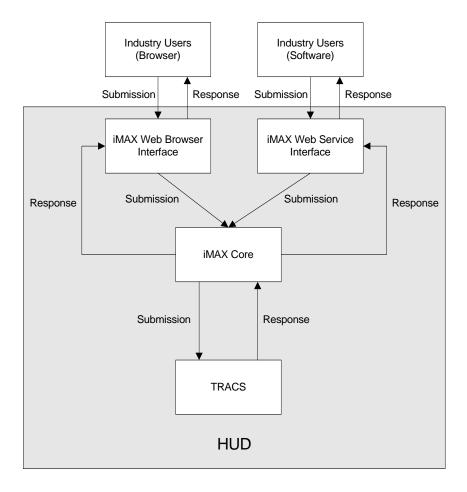
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2.0 SYSTEM SUMMARY

iMAX replaces the current TRACSMail system. iMAX provides the same functionality of the TRACSMail system but is now available as a web browser graphical user interface and as a programmatic interface to software vendors. iMAX provides users the ability to send one or more MAT files to TRACS for processing or to other iMAX users. iMAX also provides users with the ability to manage their TRACS user information, view MAT file submission to TRACS, view the status of those submissions, send and receive MAT files to other iMAX users, and view broadcast messages from TRACS administrators.

2.1 System Configuration

iMAX resides within HUD's network but is accessible to everyone outside of HUD. The two main ways to access iMAX are through a web browser or through vendor software that can interface with iMAX. Both means of access to iMAX are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week throughout the year. The diagram below is a high level depiction of the iMAX system and its interfaces to users and to TRACS.



2.2 Data Flows

The iMAX user can upload files via the web browser or via vendor software that calls iMAX web services. iMAX routes the files to the appropriate iMAX user or to a staging area to send to TRACS. iMAX combines the files and adds header information. The mainframe pulls via FTP all files off the iMAX server. TRACS processes the files during the nightly cycle and returns response files via FTP to iMAX. iMAX then parses the files and routes to the appropriate iMAX users.

2.3 User Access Levels

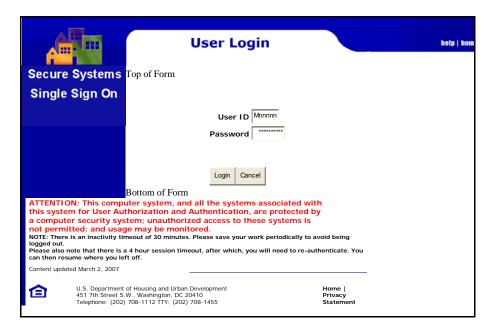
HUD policy requires entities communicating electronically with HUD that are outside of HUD's network be authenticated. Business partners wishing to communicate with HUD electronically are required to be registered and receive HUD business partner credentials, which is a WASS ID and password. You can register with HUD's security services at HUD Secure Systems to receive the user ID and password. These credentials are required for each individual that does business with HUD. To register, go to the following web site: https://hudapps.hud.gov/public/wass/public/participant/partreg-page.jsp.

Whether communicating through a browser to access HUD resources or communicating directly with iMAX, clients will need to provide their credentials. Once a client is authenticated, depending on the system, the client may be asked to provide system-specific user credentials. All communications to iMAX require that the client also provide an iMAX user ID and password, previously known as the TRACSMail user ID and password. The iMAX ID and password are available to a business entity rather than an individual.

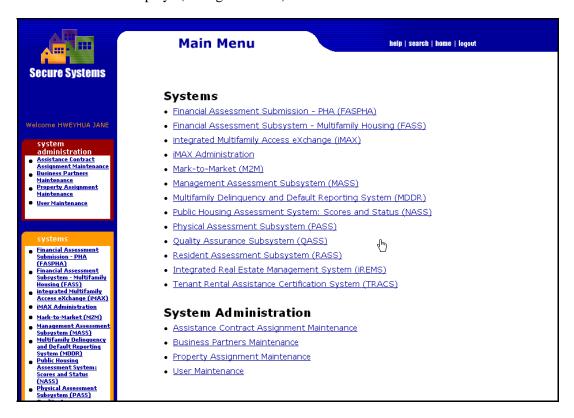
2.3.1 Assigning iMAX Roles to Users

If you are a WASS Coordinator and want to assign the iMAX role to a user, follow the steps below.

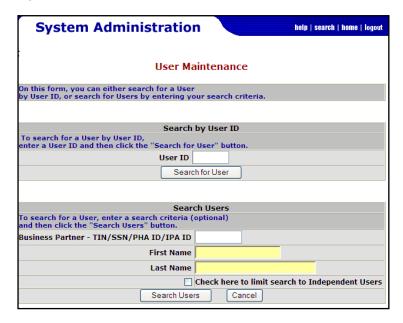
1. Log in to WASS (see figure below).



The WASS main menu displays (see figure below).



2. Under **System Administration**, click **User Maintenance**. The **User Maintenance** page displays (see figure below).



3. On the **User Maintenance** page, in the **User ID** field, enter the User ID of the user to whom you want to assign the iMAX role.

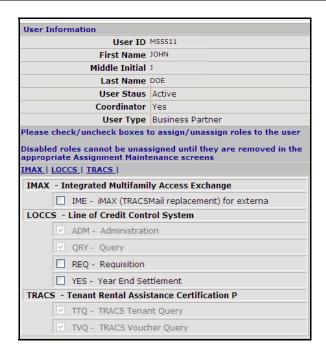
4. Click the **Search Users** button. If you entered a correct User ID, the **Maintain User** page displays, with the user's ID in its title (see figure below).



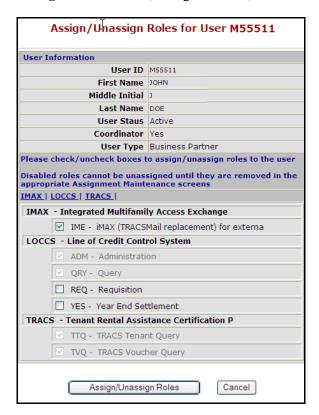
5. In the **Maintain User** page, from the **Choose a Function** drop-down list, select **Maintain User Profile – Roles** (see figure below).



6. Click the **Submit** button. The **Assign / Unassign Roles for User** page displays (see figure below).



- 7. Under IMAX Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange, select the check box for IME iMAX (TRACSMAIL replacement).
- 8. Click the **Assign / Unassign Roles** button (see figure below).

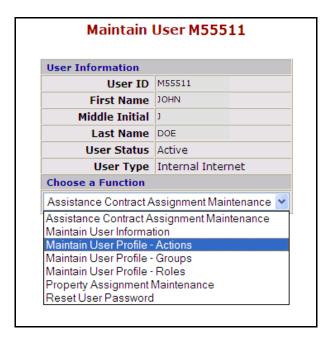


9. A confirmation message displays (see figure below). Click **OK**.

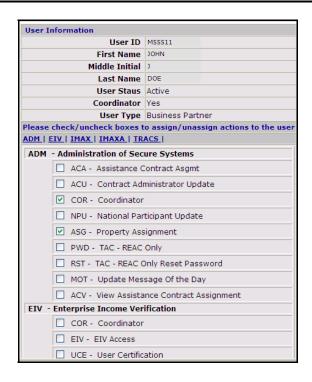


2.3.2 Assigning the iMAX Coordinator Action for WASS Coordinators ONLY

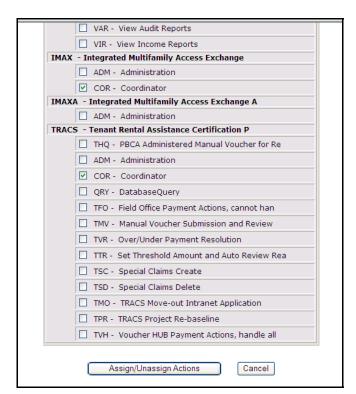
- 1. Follow steps 1-4 in the previous section 2.3.1. If you entered a correct User ID, the **Maintain** User page displays, with the user's ID in its title (see figure below).
- 2. On the **Maintain User** page, from the **Choose a Function** drop-down list, select **Maintain User Profile Actions** (see figure below).



3. Click the **Submit** button. The **Assign / Unassign Action for User** page displays (see figure below).



4. Scroll down to the heading **IMAX – Integrated Multifamily Access Exchange** (see figure below).



- 5. Select the check box for **COR Coordinator**.
- 6. Click the **Assign/Unassign Actions** button (see figure above).

7. A confirmation message displays (see figure below). Click **OK**.



2.4 Contingencies and Alternate Modes of Operation

Please refer to the TRACS Contingency Plan.

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3.0 GETTING STARTED

The system access is controlled using WASS. Logging in with the WASS ID will make the iMAX system available to the user via link.

3.1 Logging On

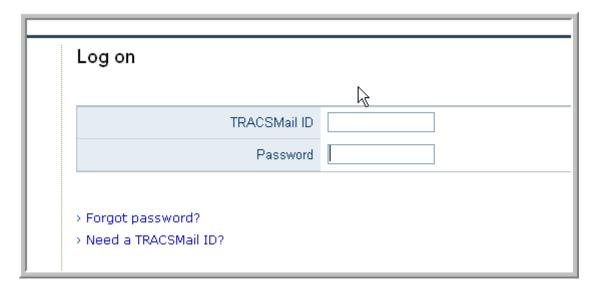
- 1. Go to the Secure Systems URLs.
 - a) For internal HUD users: https://hudapps.hud.gov/ssmaster/index.cfm
 - b) For external users: https://hudapps.hud.gov/HUD_Systems/index.cfm
- 2. The following screen will appear:



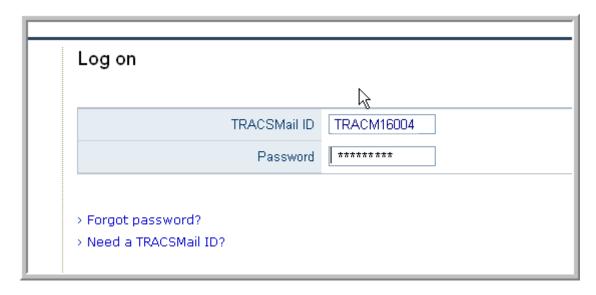
3. Type the WASS User ID and Password into the respective fields and select "Login."



- 4. After logging into WASS, click on the **iMAX Administrator** link in the Secure Systems main menu.
- 5. The following screen will appear:



6. Enter your assigned TRACSMail/iMAX User ID and Password.



7. Click on the right side of the screen and the iMAX main page will be displayed.



3.2 System Menu

User System Menu

3.2.1 iMAX User Broadcasts

The Broadcasts tab allows the user to view any messages that have been sent from the HUD Administrator. The user can view when the message was sent and can also access previously sent messages. Upon selecting this tab, the user will initially only be able to see the three most recent broadcast messages.



3.2.2 iMAX User Transmissions

The Transmissions tab allows the user to upload and send files to HUD, as well as to other iMAX users (i.e., PBCAs, OAs, and Service Bureaus). This tab also allows the user to view any and all files that have been sent to or received from HUD or any other iMAX user.



3.2.3 iMAX User Profile

The User Profile tab allows the user to view and make any necessary changes to their iMAX profile or user password.



3.3 Changing Password

1. In order to change the password, click on the "Profile" tab from any screen.



2. The My Profile page will appear. Click on the "Change Password" link in the upper left corner, under the "Broadcasts" tab.



3. Enter the current password, new password, and retype the new password in the required fields. Then click

3.4 Exit System

- 1. To log off iMAX, locate the Log off link in the top right corner of the screen and click it.
- 2. The system terminates the current user session and displays the Log on page with a message that logoff is completed.



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4.0 USING THE SYSTEM

4.1 iMAX User Broadcasts

1. Select the Broadcasts tab in order to view received administrative broadcast messages.



2. Click on the Previous or Next links to view an earlier or later set of messages.

4.2 iMAX User Transmissions

4.2.1 Upload

1. Select the Transmissions tab followed by the Upload sub tab.



2. The system displays the following fields to be filled: Destinations, Subject, and MAT File.



- 3. In the Destinations field, type in the location where the file or files are being sent. To send the file or files to TRACS, type in TRACMPROD or TRACMTEST. You can also send the file to different iMAX users by typing their iMAX User ID. If you wish to send the file to multiple users, be sure to separate the destinations with a comma followed by a space.
- 4. In the Subject field, type a brief summary identifying the transmission (just as you would in the subject field of an e-mail).

5. In the MAT File field, select Browse... in order to select which .txt or .mat MAT file you would like to send.

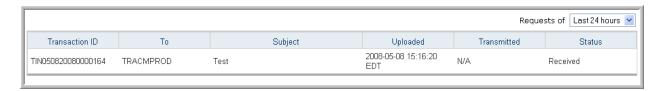


Please be aware that iMAX can only upload .txt or .mat files.

- 6. At any point in the process you can start over by selecting on the right hand side of the page.
- 7. After filling in the required fields, select **Upload**.

4.2.2 Sent to TRACS

Selecting this tab allows the user to view the files that have been sent to a TRACS destination, either TRACMPROD or TRACMTEST.



Explanation of statuses:

- **Received.** A file has been successfully uploaded.
- Transmitted. A file has been picked up by iMAX for processing.

4.2.3 Received from TRACS

Selecting this tab allows the user to view the files that have been received from TRACS.

4.2.4 Sent to Others

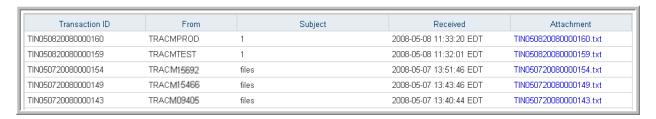
Selecting this tab allows the user to view the files that have been sent to other iMAX Users.



1. To view any file, select from the Attachments column.

4.2.5 Received from Others

Selecting this tab allows the user to view any files that have been received from other iMAX Users.



4.3 iMAX User Profile

4.3.1 Change Password

Please refer to section 3.3 for information.

4.3.2 Profile Management

1. Select the Profile tab followed by the Profile Management sub-tab.



2. Select Edit Profile on the right hand side of the screen; the following screen will appear:



3. Make any necessary alterations in the correct field and then select **Update**

4.4 Special Instructions for Error Correction

There are no special instructions needed for error corrections. The system will prompt the user when an error occurs in the data entry. The user will need to correct the error before the system will proceed.

4.5 Caveats and Exceptions

There are no caveats or exceptions applicable to iMAX.



5.0 QUERYING

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5.1 Query Capabilities

Please refer to Section 4 in regards to the query capabilities of the iMAX system.

5.2 Query Procedures

Please refer to Section 4 in regards to the query procedures of the iMAX system.



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6.0 REPORTING

6.1 Report Capabilities

Please refer to Section 4 in regards to the reporting capabilities of the iMAX system.

6.2 Report Procedures

Please refer to Section 4 in regards to the reporting procedures of the iMAX system.

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APPENDIX A STATUS MESSAGES

The following table identifies the iMAX status messages.

Status Code	Status Description	Clarification / Corrective Action for Errors
200	Success	No corrective action is necessary.
300	Missing Files	System did not find an uploaded file. Please upload the file again.
400	Authentication of iMAX User ID and Password Failed	To verify the iMAX ID (TRACMXXXXX) and password, please contact the Multifamily Help Desk at 1-800-767-7588.
401	Authentication of WASS User ID and Password Failed	For assistance with WASS IDs (for example, M55551) issues, please contact the REAC TAC at 1-888-245-4860.
403	(Forbidden). The WASS ID is not in the imaxuser LDAP group.	If you are WASS user, verify that your WASS ID (for example, M55551) has the iMAX role assigned. If you are a WASS Coordinator, make sure the iMAX action and iMAX roles are assigned. If not, have the role and/or action assigned. You will be added to the group within 24–48 hours.
405	LDAP Communication Error – System unavailable	System is currently unavailable. Please retry later.
500	Internal System Error – System unavailable	System is currently unavailable. Please retry later.
600	No Message Found in outbox	System found no messages in the sent to others outbox. No corrective action is necessary.
601	No Message Found in inbox	System found no messages in the received from others inbox. No corrective action is necessary.
602	No Results Found	System found no response files from TRACS for the specified period. No corrective action is necessary.
603	No Requests Found	System found no request files from the TRACS for processing. No corrective action is necessary.
604	No Broadcast Message	System found no Broadcast Messages. No corrective action is necessary.

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