The Importance of the Assessment Cycle Rate to the Facilities Assessment Database

A team of Field Assessors assesses all public school facilities in the state and collects data regarding building system install dates, conditions, and educational adequacy of a school. That data is entered into the Facilities Assessment Database (FAD), which is the tool PSFA uses to catalog all schools, school buildings, and systems, as well as identify age based, conditional based, and educational adequacy based deficiencies. This database combines building repair costs and system life cycle analysis with New Mexico Educational Adequacy Standards to create the New Mexico Condition Index (NMCI). Weight factors are then applied to create the Weighted New Mexico Condition Index (wNMCI). This index enables the comparison of all the public schools in the state to determine the greatest need for funding the correction of school deficiencies. The wNMCI scores are ultimately sorted to generate the annual ranking to identify public schools with the greatest capital need, and therefore prioritize funding for potential Standards-based and Systems-based awards and projects.

A critical process PSFA has recognized is the rate at which the PSFA assessors were able to assess New Mexico public school facilities. The assessment cycle rate relevancy is important in insuring appropriate funding to all 750+ public school facilities. The PSFA has recognized that its ability to assess these facilities in a timely manner should be of the upmost importance. To meet the challenge, the PSFA has increased its facility assessment personnel and streamlined its assessment process. These changes are intended to expedite the assessment cycle, increasing the Facilities Assessment Databases (FAD) accuracy in respect to the conditions of New Mexico's public schools. In the past the PSFA's cycle rate had been as long as 8 years. The increase in staffing and adjustments to the assessment procedures have made year over year improvements. Currently the FAD assessment cycle is trending positive with aspirations to maintain at least a four year cycle rate.

PSCOC Ranked List Cycle