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COMPASS Imaging Guarantees Property Record

*Imaging
Now in
Compass*

KVS has recently announced a major enhancement to the COMPASS system by adding a new feature which displays images of the parcels recorded.

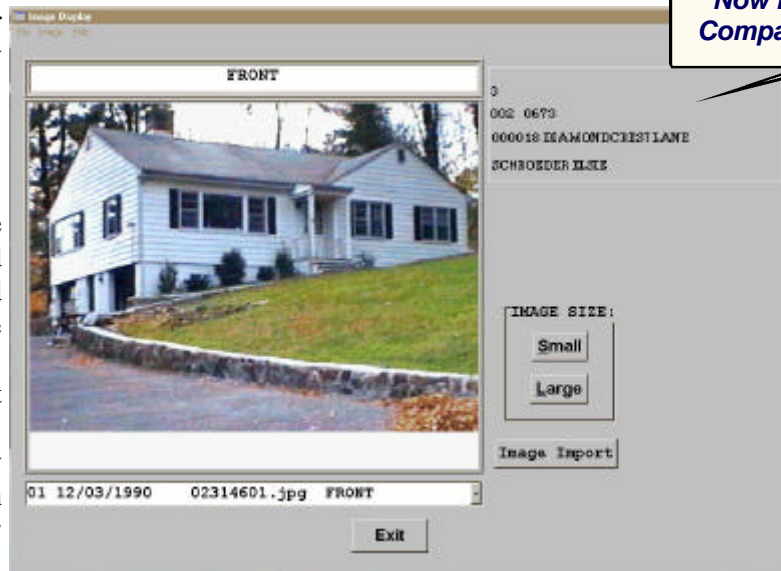
The system will now accept any image or picture stored as a bitmap (.bmp) or jpeg (.jpg) file. The image will print with the parcel information on the property record card through the Compass property record card program. It can also be displayed in the Public Access system.

This new feature ensures that the correct information is being recorded or retrieved. Using the Public Access system, a property owner seeking to compare values can search through pictures of properties similar to their own.

Up to 99 images with a 25-character label can be stored and displayed for each parcel in Compass.

Compass security features can be set up so only certain users can add or delete the images while all users can view the images.

Ideally, using a digital camera with a USB port or diskette drive to take the pictures allows for easy downloading to a PC. The images are easily imported into



An image displays which view is shown, the parcel ID, property address and owner name.

Compass from the PC.

Contact your KVS Marketing Representative for more information.

Also, KVS announces preview support through the ODBC interface!

Message From the CEO

by Ed Warnke

Now that we have passed the real millennium, we have been especially busy at KVS. We have released many new features for the existing product including the mouse controls for the menus, imaging support for the Compass/Gyro system, and a revamp of our Website to allow our customers better access to KVS information. You can now even log a support call over the Web!

We are also making progress with the Oracle product and recently held a second client advisory group review of the product prototype at our offices.

In addition, we are better prepared this year for our

traditionally busy support season with added phone lines, more support representatives, and Dave Lessinger to manage the day-to-day support of client calls. We are also doing internal upgrades to Windows 2000 to better support the latest in Windows products.

In short, we have some aggressive plans for the coming year to support our clients even better than last year, and since we have had over 100 inches of snow and winter is only half over, we have the time to complete these plans! It is our goal to keep you as a loyal client of KVS and we will continue to work hard for you.

Email me directly at ewarnke@kvsinfo.com if you have any comments or suggestions for us.

Employee Joins Team To Aid Hurricane Ravaged Hondurans

by Jerry Fonner

Honduras was devastated in October of 1998 by Hurricane Mitch, which was one of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit Central America, with sustained winds of 180 mph. During that five day period in 1998, Mitch destroyed roads, bridges, and homes throughout Honduras that some estimate will take another five years to overcome. With over 35,000 homes destroyed, and another 50,000 damaged, Honduras doesn't have the resources to rebuild on their own.

I recently had the privilege of spending seven days in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as part of a work team. Eleven men from my church in Lockport, NY, had planned this trip for nine months prior. Our project for the week was to assist in building the foundations for 10 new homes. The homes are being built for families that lost their homes during the storm.

Our work for the week involved a lot of digging, mixing cement, and carrying the rocks, sand, and cement that was used for the foundations. We worked directly with small teams of Honduran masons and future homeowners. Besides the language barrier, we also had to overcome what seemed to be primitive means of construc-

tion. Our worksite was half way down a rather steep hill. We used only basic hand tools and there was no electricity. The only running water came from a stream located at the bottom of the hill. We carried sand



Jerry Fonner, right, donning his KVS T-shirt, assists a local mason with building the foundation of a new home.

and water in buckets, mixed cement on the ground, and then used the same buckets to carry cement back up to the worksite. The rocks used for the foundation were carried down from the road.

By the end of the week we were all physically exhausted, but mentally and emotionally refreshed. This was an experience of a lifetime that I hopefully will be able to repeat again in the near future.

GASB Statement 34

Two things happened in 1999 that had local governments in a state of panic. The first was the dreaded Y2K bug! The second was the biggest change in the history of public-sector accounting and financial reporting: **GASB STATEMENT 34**. KVS prepared long before the crisis of Y2K to guarantee that you would move into the millennium without any difficulty, and you did. Now KVS is prepared to make you feel at ease about having a system that is compliant for the new government-wide financial reporting requirements.

Many of you have been calling us, your auditors and other clients to understand the features of the new model. The **infrastructure**

reporting GASB is requiring is a major change and has sparked some controversy. Those who prepare state and local government financial statements generally support the new model. Initially, however, they were not persuaded that proposed benefits of capitalizing and depreciating general infrastructure assets would outweigh the related costs. Accordingly, GASB has set up some recommendations that local governments can follow when implementing a practical strategy:

- *Limit infrastructure to major classes for assets*
- *Define major classes as narrowly as possible*

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Welcome New Clients

Town of Granby, MA

Town of Hudson, MA

GAR-City of Lockport, NY

Village of Shortsville, NY

Village of South Glens Falls, NY

City of Troy, NY

Williamsport Municipal Water Authority, PA

Welcome New Employees

KVS would like to welcome Tara Campbell who began her employment in September. Tara was hired as a software developer for Oracle.

Welcome also to Barbara Marsh, hired in October as a southeastern Regional Marketing Rep.

Good luck to both!

Upcoming Trade Shows

Visit KVS marketing representatives at the following conferences and shows:

N Y State Assoc. of Towns

Feb. 18 - 20, 2001 New York, NY

Carol Lutz & Jay Grewe

N Y State- GFOA Annual Conference

March 28 - 30, 2001 Albany, NY

Jay Grewe & Carol Lutz

National GFOA Conference

June 3 - 6, 2001 Philadelphia, PA

Steve Evert, Brian Klas & Carol Lutz

Windows 2000 Upgrades

KVS recently installed its first Windows 2000 client. Based on Windows NT 4.0, Windows 2000 will become the PC operating system of choice for future KVS upgrades and installations.

Are you thinking of upgrading? Don't attempt an upgrade without first doing your homework. KVS can assist you with any issues that may pertain to your system and discuss your options for upgrading.

KVS Oracle Product Update

Our second Oracle Client Advisory Committee meeting, held in November, provided a review of the General Ledger and Budget Preparation module prototypes. Screens and many reports have been developed, reviewed, changed and tweaked. The KVS User Conference 2001 will provide preview and play time (*registration form included in this newsletter*). But until then, **check this out!**

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General Ledger Journal Entry (GL2020A)
 Journal Entry Screen

This option is used to record manual journal entries. The journal entries follow the standard double entry accounting concept. The system will only post balanced entries to the General Ledger. Once an entry is posted to the General Ledger, you CANNOT modify or delete it. To view a Journal Entry, you may print the Journal Entry Register, found on the Reports tab of the General Ledger Main Menu, or view transactions and balances for individual accounts using the 'Chart of Accounts Ledger screen.'

If you wish to exit the session before the transactions are in balance, set the Status drop down list to "Unposted." See the Status field explanation below. The system will store these entries but will not update them to the ledger. You may then print a report and/or modify the journal entries at a later time.

On-line Documentation with Each Form

Website Security Means Added Support For Clients

Security has recently been implemented on the KVS Website Support Forum at www.kvsinfo.com. This will provide all KVS clients access to extensive support information as well as announcements and news on upcoming events. Are you signed up yet? If not, e-mail a request to support@kvsinfo.com and start logging on!

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GASB cont'd

- *Report infrastructure assets that were acquired after June 30, 1980*
- *Estimate whenever possible*
- *Use composite approaches to calculate depreciation expense*

KVS' **Fixed Assets System** is designed to meet your infrastructure reporting and depreciation needs. It allows user-definable coding, composite depreciation, and full integration with our Accounts Payable System.

Used in conjunction with our powerful report writer, the system allows you to produce the information you will need to properly analyze your municipality's current situation and make definitive management decisions. Many of you are already fulfilling the GASB requirements with the assistance of our software.

If you are ready to make your municipality state of the art, please call your marketing manager to arrange a demonstration of how our Fixed Asset System can assist you in maintaining your infrastructure.

KVS/Colorado "Mile High" User Conference Held

On Dec. 1, 2000, a local KVS user conference was held in Colorado. Eagle County hosted the event at their court-house. Their conference room provided a perfect atmosphere for the one-day event.

This year's conference had a strong turnout from the KVS client base. Attendees included Garfield, Montezuma, Rio Grande, and of course, Eagle counties.

Steve Evert, Vice President of Marketing, provided a "state of the company" review. System enhancements, especially regarding KVS financial software, were dis-

cussed as well as an update of current KVS employees and their duties.

Roundtable discussions covered many topics, including VCQ report writer, Fixed Assets, CRM (Citizen Response Manager) and a technology discussion.

Feedback during the event was very positive, particularly on the Windows report writer features and asset management. Plans are already underway for next year's event!