

EDA GBLs for Personal Property and Freight

The EDA provides a web site for purposes of querying and viewing documents and modifications. The read only electronic file cabinet can be accessed by any authorized DoD user with a Personal Computer (PC). EDA runs on the existing internal DoD network, NIPRNET. Documents are stored, managed, and available for viewing in Portable Document Format (.PDF). This format uses a special software program called a reader to read and translate the documents into a printed page that you can view. This .PDF program is the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which resides on your PC. The combined use of this format with Internet technology provides a mechanism to electronically store and retrieve large volumes of information across existing communications networks. Replacing the printing, distribution, filing and access process with an electronic equivalent is cost effective. The electronic version of the document costs less than the printed version, and only one copy is necessary. Access through the EDA Web saves mailing and handling costs and, most importantly, the document is always available. Electronic access eliminates tracking a missing document.

A database of documents, called an index server, is contacted when you access the database from your work station using a software package that browses the Internet. The browser software preference is called Netscape. The index server searches the document database for documents based on entered search criteria and provides you with a list of field related topics. You select the appropriate document from the list. The system retrieves and opens the document as a read only application. You cannot alter the document, nor save it onto your computer. You can, however, print the document. When the document is retrieved, it is placed in a temporary file that is set up on your hard drive. The Adobe Acrobat Reader automatically retrieves the file and the document appears on your screen. When you exit the document, you are taken back to the DoD EDA Web home page and the document is deleted from your PC.

Security Requirements

When you log on to the Web, you will see a U.S. Government Computer System Warning and Disclaimer statement. You are required to read the statement and accept the conditions before you proceed. After you have read the statement and agree to accept the conditions, you may access the DoD EDA Web home page for registration or log-on.

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

A 386 or higher CPU with windows 3.0 or higher and Adobe Acrobat Reader. (free on the Internet from Adobe at www.adobe.com)

HOW TO GET ACCESS

Application support for the EDA application is handled by DMC-Ogden's System Management Center. If you have a problem with EDA (e.g., access, error message, forgot your password, etc.), contact them at: (801) 777-3282 or DSN: 777-3282 (select option 8) or with email at cscassig@ogden.disa.mil (set subject field to: EDA)

NOTE: If they can't answer your question directly, they will find someone who can!

If you would like a new user account call Melanie Wirick at:

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If you have further questions about EDA GBLs please call John Lea, DTP, Project Management (317) 510-7789, or email jlea@cleveland.dfas.mil