

The Illinois Tollway is implementing the Central Engineering Payment System (CEPS), a new construction payment system to replace the 23-year-old Centralsys and Fieldsys systems.

The modernization of the system will save time for construction managers (CMs) and Tollway staff as it utilizes data in real time and does not require periodic transfer of Fieldsys databases to and from field staff to synchronize with Centralsys. The new system will also be accessible remotely and features enhanced security measures, including unique accounts and multi-factor authentication.



CEPS PROGRAM AND ACCESS INFORMATION

To access CEPS, each individual CM must establish a username and password to access the construction contract(s) they are managing.

To log in to the system, the Tollway requires multi-factor authentication via the Okta app for security.

Existing users will be receiving their credentials directly from the Tollway. New users will need to request access at:

CEPSSupport@getipass.com



CEPS vs. CENTRALSYS/FIELDSYS

CEPS will replace Centralsys and Fieldsys for all construction contracts that have not had a final pay estimate submitted as of the CEPS deploy date. Contracts that have a final pay estimate submitted will not be transferred to CEPS.

New features include:

- Working with real-time data. Transferring of databases for pay estimates, change orders, extra work orders, time extensions, retainage changes, signatory changes, etc. will no longer be required.
- CEPS will include the same functions as Fieldsys including entering daily reports, preparing pay estimates, change orders, extra work orders and an enhanced material in storage function.
- Pay estimates, change orders and extra work orders will still be initiated by the CM and signed by the CM and contractor via the appropriate e-Builder process.



WHAT TO EXPECT

CEPS rollout will take place in late June 2023. A notice will be sent to all CMs to stop working in Fieldsys and to complete a final Fieldsys transfer to the Tollway via e-Builder so all data can be synchronized with CEPS.

Centralsys and Fieldsys will be shut down following CEPS deployment. Historical contract data will be stored there for future reference by administrators only.

CEPS pay estimates will continue to be uploaded to e-Builder via the GCPE process for approval, processing and payment.

TRAINING

Access to CEPS will not be granted until training has been completed and a username and password have been established.



It is mandatory that the CM Documentation Technician from each construction contract be trained to manage the system.

It is also suggested that a second person from the CM team be trained to support the Documentation Technician as a backup. The CM company may request additional accounts if they are monitoring multiple construction contracts.

Additional questions can be sent to CEPSSupport@getipass.com.