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## **PFS Staff Participate in Third Annual Adobe Acrobat and PDF Conference**

In mid-April, PFS Corporation staff members participated in the Third Annual Adobe Acrobat and PDF Conference in Orlando, Florida. Representing PFS at the conference were: Dennis Newman, Shawn Tibbits, Cathy Putnam, Jean Mooney, and Susan Newman.

One of the first sessions of the conference focused on practical implementations of PDF-based solutions. During this session, Dennis Newman, General Manager of Information Technology at PFS, explained the secure approval workflow for engineering documents.

While participating with Adobe Acrobat in the development of PDF/E standards development, Dennis has shared his practical experience of the real world application of Acrobat with the manufactured housing industry.

He has also been able to assist the State of Massachusetts in its move to electronic plan review and acceptance.

Cathy Putnam, General Manager, Label Control; Jean Mooney, Manager of Human Resources; and Susan Newman, Assistant to the IT Department; participated in the one-day workshop on Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Forms.

"My goal for the workshop was to learn an efficient way to create forms or edit existing forms to suit our needs," Jean Mooney told Encore. "The workshop did accomplish that."

Cathy Putnam told Encore Adobe Acrobat 7.0 holds many future benefits for PFS Corporation.



"Adobe Acrobat 7.0 includes several security features that offer significant benefits to both PFS and our clients," Shawn Tibbits said.

He stated further, "I was happy to see other features in the new Adobe software that will help our plan reviewers improve our services to our housing clients."

Shawn Tibbits, DAPIA Coordinator, uses Adobe Acrobat 7.0 daily as he provides secure electronic plan review to a host of PFS housing clients.



## Newman Invited to Convene International Meeting

From May 16 through 18, Dennis Newman participated in the AIIM (Association for Information and Image Management), ANSI (American National Standards Institute) and ISO (International Standards Organization) meeting in Philadelphia. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the PDF/E standard for using Adobe Acrobat PDF files for the exchange of engineering documents.

“Standards such as this will help to streamline the entire manufactured housing industry, allowing faster transmission and easier retention of engineering data,” Dennis told *Encore*. “It is our hope that having an international standard to reference will assist in our efforts to gain more state regulatory agencies’ acceptance of electronic submittal of modular plans.

The PDF/Engineering standard has moved from a workgroup draft on to the ISO International Congress.

The AIIM/ANSI Committee invited Dennis Newman to convene the international discussions on ratification of the standard at an upcoming meeting of the ISO member countries.

***Watch *Encore* for news about international ratification of the PDF/E Standard.***

## Jon Madderom Appointed General Manager of PFS Laboratory Operations

James A. Rothman, PE, Executive Vice President, announces the appointment of Jon Madderom, PE, to the position of General Manager of PFS Laboratory Operations effective May 2, 2005.

“In this new position, Jon will be responsible for the quality and timeliness of all product testing and test reports, while maintaining consistently high performance in all laboratory operations,” Rothman told *Encore*.

Jon Madderom accepted the appointment saying, “I look forward to working with our staff to dramatically improve the quality and speed with which we deliver laboratory services to our clients.”



Jon has been with PFS Corporation since August 2004. (See *August 2004 Encore*.) Manufacturers wishing to contact Jon may call him at 608.224.5543, or email [jmadderom@pfscorporation.com](mailto:jmadderom@pfscorporation.com).

**Congratulations, Jon Madderom.**

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