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News

Meet Michael Moore, the newest member of the TraiNet/VCS Service Desk

Over these past few months some of you may have been provided with technical assistance by our newest team member, Mr. Michael Moore.

Michael joined Devis in June and comes to us with an educational background in Computer Information and Business Administration. He also brings experience from the business operational and logistical fields. A fresh face with the same dedication to service, please join us in welcoming Michael to our team!

New Version of TraiNet Web Forthcoming!

For those of you who are, or will soon be moving to USAID's new Foreign Assistance model, the newest version of TraiNet Web will permit you to track training programs by Program Area and Program Element. Version 1.23 is currently being tested and should be released for use in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting new feature!

Don't Forget the New Web Addresses for TraiNet and the Visa Compliance System

TraiNet Web and the Visa Compliance System are now accessed through their new URL extensions at the following addresses:

TraiNet Web: <http://trainetweb.usaid.gov>
VCS: <https://vcs.usaid.gov>

The old URLs with .org extensions are still accessible, but will be phased out shortly. You should encourage all users to access these sites from the new .gov address.

Exchange Visitor Compliance and TraiNet Workshops

USAID will be sponsoring a one-day workshop in Washington, DC on J visa compliance, using TraiNet Web and the VCS. The next workshop is December 10th. New workshop dates will be announced for 2008 before the end of this year. All workshops are held in the Ronald Reagan Building from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM and are offered at no cost to USAID and partner staff. Contact Chris Kagy at ckagy@devis.com to register.

Hints & Tips

How to Search for Programs and Participants in TraiNet Web

Have you ever wanted to find a program buried among that long list of programs, but found that scrolling through the list page-by-page took just too long? Or maybe you've wanted to go back and look up details on a participant, but couldn't remember what program she/he was in?

You can use the Program and Participant Search feature of TraiNet to quickly locate programs or participants.

On the left side of the main TraiNet screen you will find a menu item called Search.

Search

Click on the Program or Participant Search hyperlink to find your information quickly.

Program Search:

1. Click the Program Search hyperlink.
2. Use the filters to select the program meeting your search items.
3. Select the Program Type (US, In-Country or Third Country) radio button.
4. Click the <Search> button.

Participant Search:

1. Click the Participant Search hyperlink.
2. Use the filters to select the participant meeting your search items (name fields are case-sensitive).
3. Select the Program Type (US, In-Country or Third Country) radio button.
4. Click the <Search> button.

Note: For a more detailed guide on how to effectively use date filters, download the date filter guide under the TraiNet Web section here:

<http://trainet.usaid.org/Documents/>

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