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Dear Assessment LinkBC users:

Re: New Version of Assessment Link

BC Assessment will release a new version of Assessment LinkBC (ALBC) on January 2, 2009. In order to facilitate a smooth transition both the old and the new versions will be available until the end of January 2009. However, the old system will not include the supplementary update scheduled for mid January. Having both systems available will provide an opportunity for users to recreate their personal content in the new system.

When a user logs on to ALBC after the 2nd of January, 2009 they will be asked which version of the program they want to access. We recommend the new version; there are a few minor changes to the way reports and cubes are requested but the advantages of the improved report layouts, the ease of downloading a file in MS Excel format (without the requirement to convert from CSV) and faster response time far outweigh the inconvenience of learning to navigate the screen changes.

We have created a new e-learning module which can be used as a refresher for existing users or as a primer for new users. The e-learning module will be available from the http://www.bcasessment.ca/products/loc_assess.asp page on the BC Assessment public website under Document Tools on the 8th December 2008 or from the new ALBC website on the 2nd January, 2009. A description of the enhancements to Assessment LinkBC is also available on the BC Assessment website from the link above.

If you have problems using ALBC or if you want additional training, please contact the deputy assessor in your local assessment office. The deputy assessor will be contacting you in a few weeks to ask if you are having any problems with the transition to the new system.

Respectfully,

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