

# Previstar's *Implements*

## CEMPLANNER'S "RESOURCE PLAN" MODULE

### *WHEN SPREADSHEETS JUST AREN'T ENOUGH*

Resource management is a key component of NIMS and can be separated into two parts: 1) as an element of preparedness, and 2) during an incident. In dealing with resource management as an element of preparedness, NIMS and other federal guidance requires agencies to ensure all resources are typed, credentialed, and inventoried. Unfortunately, there are several common challenges that agencies face which may limit their ability to conform to these standards.

#### **Common challenges include:**

- Spreadsheets are time consuming and quickly become unmanageable
- Finding an effective way to Type resources based on federal guidance
- Lack of standardized approach for agency personell to input resource information
- Data is not centrally located or accessible in a timely manner
- Difficulties in keeping inventory information current
- Resources are not easily linked to the plans or SOP/SOGs they were procured to support

#### **How we help.....**

CEMPlanner's Resource Plan module allows agencies and their stakeholders to collaboratively upload and organize resources in a dynamic, web-based database using a standardized step-by-step approach, infused with federal guidance. Resources are organized into "Equipment/Teams/Materials & Supplies," "Qualifications," and "Facilities." Updates and searches can be performed in real-time by all authorized stakeholders.

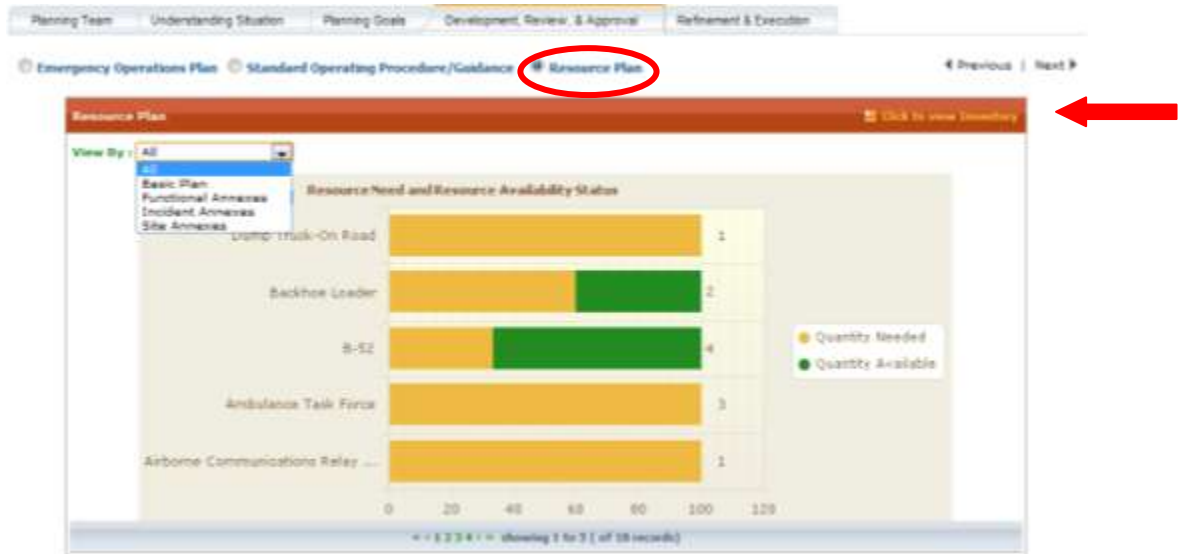
Unlike most resource inventory systems, Previstar's Resource Plan module seamlessly integrates within planning processes users have developed in CEMPlanner. Agencies can not only identify what they have and where it's located, but they can also compare their resource inventory with potential tactical resource needs in order to identify potential gaps and plan for shortfall resolutions (reference June 2011 *Implements*) prior to the actual incident.

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## HOW IT'S ORGANIZED.....

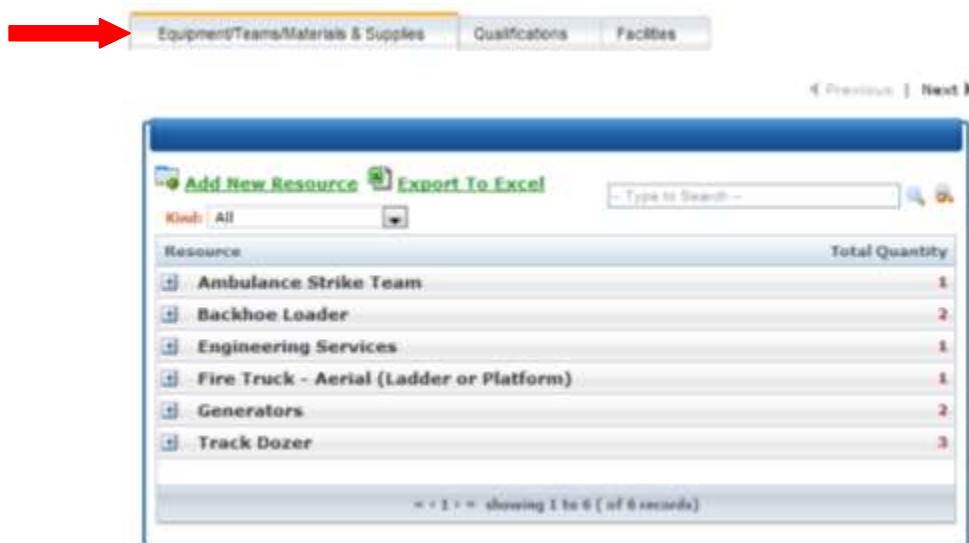
### Accessing your Resource Inventory

On the “Development, Review, & Approval” tab, select the “Resource Plan” radio button and select “Click to view Inventory.”



(Note: Landing page has plan specific “quick reference” views)

Resources are sorted into 3 categories: Equipment/Team/Materials & Supplies, Qualifications, and Facilities.



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## Equipment/Team/Materials & Supplies

Users adding resources are guided via easy to use tabs. The first tab is required information needed to create the record. The additional tabs are optional but are available for users to capture other relevant inventory data.

The screenshot shows the 'Required Information' tab of a resource creation form. It includes fields for Resource Kind, Resource Type, Resource Name, Total Quantity, Resource Owner, and Contact/Owner Information. A legend at the top right indicates that fields with an asterisk (\*) are required.

**Required Fields**

Required Information | Capabilities/Attributes | Request & Availability | Cost & Deployment

**General Information**

Resource Kind: All

Resource: -- Select --

Type: Custom [Select Resource Capability Type](#)

Resource Name:

Total Quantity:  each

Resource Owner (if any): [Select Agency](#)

Share: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Out Of Service: ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Contact/Owner Information**

Point of Contact:  [Select Point of Contact](#)

Dispatch Name:

## Qualifications

The screenshot shows the 'Qualifications' section of the Previstar system. It includes a search bar, a list of qualifications with their total available counts, and a table of contacts associated with these qualifications.

Equipment/Teams/Materials & Supplies | **Qualifications** | Facilities

Previous | Next

**Associate Qualifications with Contacts**

Type to Search:

Qualification/Functional Position	Total Available
Safety Officer	1
Spanish Translator	3
Supply Unit Leader	1
Time Unit Leader	1
Vessel Support Unit Leader	1

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Phone	Cell Phone	Email
18	Student	County Fire Dept	123456789		

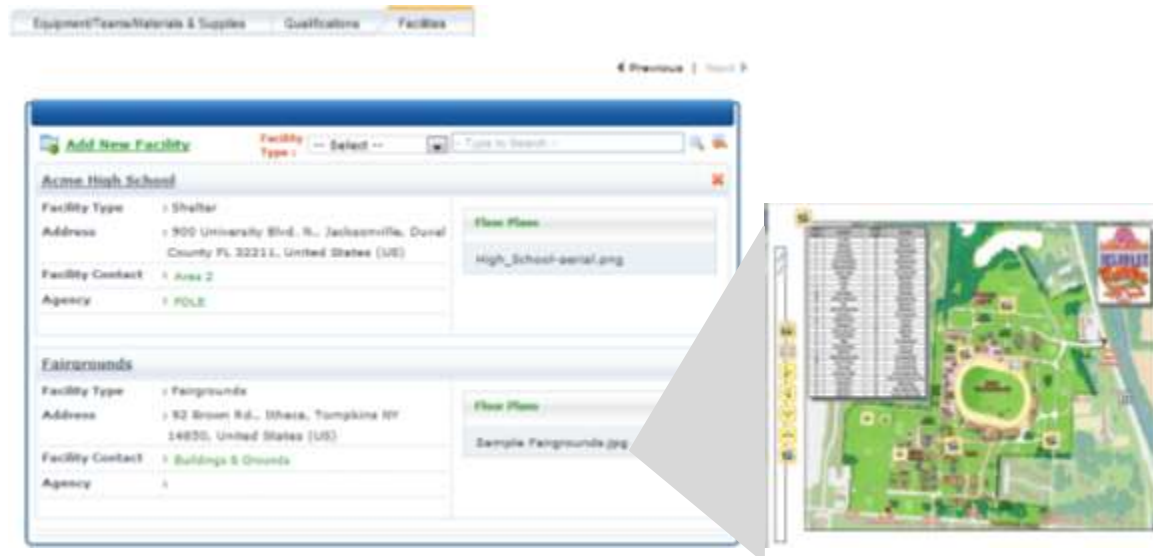
Showing 1 to 25 (of 25 records)

The *Qualifications* section allows you to locate your inventory of personnel that are potentially qualified with ICS and/or agency specified *Functional Positions / Skills / Credentials*. This inventory list is created by linking contacts to specific skills/credentials in the *Global Contacts*

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List or by linking contacts with specific skills/certifications directly in this section. The *Qualifications* grid serves as an inventory of human resources – making it easy to quickly locate your contacts with specific training or skills.

## Facilities



On the Facilities Inventory tab, agencies can define all critical facilities prior to the emergency (e.g. shelters, points of distribution (PODs), resource warehouses, alternate facility locations, etc.). By defining these facilities, you create the locations that will become possible incident related facilities.

When capturing facility data, you specify the facility's location information, contact information, and determine whether or not it could function as a possible incident facility. Floor plans (note pop out in above picture) and other critical data\* can also be attached and layered to the facility image and can be available to users when drilling down into editable map layers they are utilizing CPS GIS module.

You can also check out a video overview at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9j66VuvMew>.

*\*Types of information that can be layered onto facility images include: Floor plans, blue prints, aerial photos, procedure documentation, MSDS sheets, interior and exterior images, links to IP based CCTV feeds etc.*