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1 Introduction

1.1 About FOIAXpress Collaboration

Welcome to the FOIAXpress Collaboration User Manual. FOIAXpress (FX) Collaboration provides a platform for FOIAXpress users to work together on requests with others outside the primary FOIAXpress application to collaborate on Requests for Documents (RFDs) and Consultation reviews. This document provides instructions for FOIAXpress Collaboration users, including an overview of the Collaboration UI, and steps to collaborating on document requests and reviews, and other Collaboration features.

1.2 How to Use this Manual

This manual focuses on the Portal user experience, with instructions for receiving and fulfilling tasks, and utilizing the tools available to make collaboration effective. It includes topics for:

- Accessing the Collaboration Portal
- Request for Document (RFD) Tasks
- Consultation Tasks
- Sending Messages Using the Portal
- Using Attachments in Tasks
- Notes Log

1.3 Typography

The following formatting conventions are used in this manual to highlight important information:

- *Italicized* text indicates a location, for example a particular *Folder*, *Tab*, or *Window*.
- Bold text indicates a specific user action, such as clicking a button.
- **Red** text is used in *Notes* to bring attention to **crucial information**.

2 Accessing FOIAXpress Collaboration

When your Collaboration account has been created by your Administrator, you will receive an email with login instructions. An example login screen is shown below:

	FOIAXpress Collaboration	
Sig	gn In	
Use	name	
Pass	word	
Fore	ot your password?	
	SIGN IN	

To access Collaboration, provide your email address (the one associated with Collaboration, where you received the initial email) as well as your password, then click **Sign In**. After signing in, the *Collaboration Dashboard* appears:

FOIA Xpr	Gatewood John	✓ Help ✓ Sign Out			
Home Tasks	A				
Collaboration Da	shboard				📕 Refresh
Task Summary Inbox - (3) Over Due - (2) Arrived Today - (0)	B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B		Task Su 25 25 2 1.5 1 0.5 HQ Assigning Office(s)	Immary Request for Docur Consultations	ments
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Received Date	Due Date	Status
00000087	25-FOI-00073	HQ	09/24/2024	09/24/2024	Received
Request for Docume	nts Tasks				
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Received Date	Due Date	Status
00000084	25-FOI-00073	HQ	09/24/2024	09/24/2024	Received
00000079	25-FOI-00073	HQ	09/20/2024	09/20/2024	Submitted
Completed Tasks					
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Task Type Received Date	e Due Date	Status
		No records to dis Copyright © 2024 AINS, LLC DBA O	spiay. PEXUS All rights reserved.		

The main areas of the Dashboard are described in the following table:

Ref	Element	Description
A	Tabs	The dashboard contains two tabs: the main <i>Home</i> tab and the <i>Tasks</i> tab, which consolidates all your current tasks into one location.
В	Task Summary	The <i>Task Summary</i> widget provides links to your Inbox , Overdue tasks, and tasks that Arrived Today.
С	Message Summary	The <i>Message Summary</i> widget provides quick links to Unread messages, All your messages, and your Outbox.
D	Tasks	Ongoing Consultation Tasks and Request for Document Tasks are listed here. There is also a list of your Completed Tasks.

The next sections provide steps to complete Request for Documents Tasks and Consultation Tasks.

3 Request for Documents Tasks

3.1 Accessing a Request for Documents Task

After you log in to FX Collaboration, there are a few indicators that a new request is waiting for you. New tasks arrive in your *Task Summary*, as an unread message in your *Message Summary*, and in your *Request for Document Tasks* list.

In this example, we'll double click the request listed in the Request for Documents Tasks list.

Home Tasks								
Collaboration Dashboard								
Task Summary Inbox - (3) Over Due - (1) Arrived Today - (2)	Message Summary Unread (3) All (3) Outbox (0)		Task Sun 2.5 2.5 1.5 0.5 HQ Assigning Office(s)	Request for Document				
Consultation Tasks								
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Received Date	Due Date	Status			
00000074	2025-FOIA-00019	HQ	09/11/2024	09/11/2024	Received			
Request for Documents T	asks							
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Received Date	Due Date	Status			
00000078	🖂 25-FOI-00071	HQ	09/18/2024	09/18/2024	Received			
00000077	2025-FOIA-00019	HQ	09/18/2024	09/18/2024	Received			
Completed Tasks								
Task ID R	equest #	Tasked By Task T	ype Received Date	Due Date	Status			
		No records to display.						

When you access a request for the first time, a pop up appears letting you know that confirmation of receipt has been sent to the person who made the RFD:



Click **OK** to dismiss the message and view the task. The *Tasks* tab appears as shown below:

Home Tasks							
Task ID: 0000078							
🍅 Upload Records 🔌 Messages 1/1 🕜 View/Add Attachments (0) 🖉 Notes Log (1) 🛛	🍅 Upload Records 🏾 🖉 Messages 1/1 🛯 View/Add Attachments (0) 🦉 Notes Log (1) 🗗 Change Status 🗗 Submit Completed Task 🍟 Back						
Request Information							
Request for Documents ID	111						
Request #	25-FOI-00071						
Status	Received						
Received Date	09/18/2024						
Task Due Date	09/18/2024						
Request Type	FOIA						
Request Description	Request for documents						
Sender Information							
First Name	Shannon						
Last Name	Murphy						
Email	shannon.murphy@opexustech.com						
Tasked By	HQ						
Phone Number	•						
Comments	-						
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The *Task Details* page includes all the information provided by the user who sent the RFD. In the next section, we'll cover each of the available actions on this page.

3.2 Request for Documents Task Dashboard

There are a variety of actions you can take on the *Task Details* page using the task toolbar. They are described in the following sections.

Task ID: 00000084								
🍅 Upload Records 🏾 🚔 Messages 1/1 🛛 🔗 View/Add Attachments (0) 🛛 🦉 Not	tes Log (2) 😰 Change Status 😢 Submit Completed Task 👔 Back							
Request Information								
Request for Documents ID	118							
Request #	25-FOI-00073							
Status	Received							
Received Date	09/24/2024							
Task Due Date	09/24/2024							
Request Type	FOIA							
Request Description	Date: September 19, 2024 To: FOIA Officer U.S. Department of Environmental Protection 123 Freedom Street Washington, D.C. 20001 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting access to any and all records from January 1, 2020, to the present regarding: Internal communications, reports, or studies related to the environmental impact of the proposed Green River Dam project in Jefferson County, Colorado. Correspondence between the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection and private contractors involved in the construction of the Green River Dam. Any assessments, memos, or recommendations concerning the dam's effect on local wildlife habitats, particularly endangered species. Documentation on any public comments or hearings held in relation to the environmental review process for this project. I							

3.2.1 Upload Records

You can upload documents, add redactions, and more, directly from the Collaboration when processing a Request for Documents.

Note: Make sure you have all files you'd like to submit to the RFD ready at this point. You cannot upload additional documents to the request later.

1. To add documents to the RFD, click **Upload Records** from the toolbar.

Home	Tasks						
Task ID: 00000077							
🝅 Upload	Records Ressages 1/1	🖉 View/Add Attachments (0)	🦉 Notes Log (2)	🛃 Change Status	🐉 Submit		
Request	Information						
Request f	for Documents ID			110			
Request # 2025-FOIA-00019					019		

2. The Document Management interface opens in a new tab, as shown below. The document tree on the left side panel is used to navigate between folders, sections, and pages.



3. Determine whether you'd like to create **Sections** to organize the pages within the folder. Sections allow you to segment the documents within a folder.

Note: If you'd like to create sections in the folder, you must do so before adding pages.



a. To add a new section, right click on a folder and click **Create Section.** Then, right click on the new section and click **Add Pages.**

Request for Documents Tasks

🖃 🗐 🎒 Documents		
🔲 🚞 R	Create Section	
	Add Pages	
	Review Layers	
	Refresh	
	View Folder Details	

- b. If you do not want to create sections in the folder, you can add pages directly to a folder by right clicking on the folder and clicking **Add Pages**.
- After clicking Add Pages, the Add Documents screen appears, prompting you to upload the requested documents. You can pull files from your desktop into the Drag and Drop Zone or click Attach Files to browser your computer's files. As you add files, they will display in the (A) Files List. When you've uploaded all the requested files, click (B) Add.

Note: You must add all files for the RFD at this point. You cannot go back and add more files later.

🗐 Section 1	
Add Documents	
Use one of the methods below to upload a file, then click the Add Butte	on
Drag and Drop Zone	Files List Sample RFD doc.docx
Attach Files	
	B
Notes : Adding Password Encrypted documents is not supported. Allowed File Formats : ineg ine tiftiff adf trut text htm html doc docy rtf yls ylsy ont onty ysd ys	Add Close

5. Click **Yes** on the confirmation box.



6. The Job Progress window appears, displaying the status of your document upload.

Wait for the job to process or close the window. If you click the Close Window button, you may need to refresh your screen to update results.					
Job Status: Pending					
Job not started.					
N					

7. Once the job completes, the pages appear in the document tree:



8. There are additional options to review and redact these records before completing this RFD. See the *Document Management* section for more details.

3.2.2 View & Send Messages

Click **Messages** from the task toolbar to open the *Messages* page. From here, you can use the **(A) message toolbar** to send a new message or send a reply to the user who sent you the Request for Documents. You can also view the **(B) list** of all received, sent, failed, and outbox messages.

Task ID: 0000007	78						
📑 New 🛸 Vie	ew Message 🎼 Reply 🕴	📔 Mark as Read 🏅	🖗 Mark as Unread 🕴 🦷	Back A			
Messages	Request ID	Task ID			Subject	Read	Received Date
Inbox (1)	25-FOI-00071	00000078	Sample			Unread	09/18/2024
Sent(0)	1			Page: 1 of 1 Go	Page Size 1 Change		Item 1 to 1 of 1
Failed (0)							
Outbox(0)							
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Double click on a message from the list to view details.

Request for Documents Tasks

Message	
Subject :	
Sample	
Body :	
Request for Documents for Request # '25-FOI-00071'. Due Date: 09/18/2024.	
att all an and a	
Attachments :	
NO Attachments Found.	

For detailed instructions on sending messages in Collaboration, visit section 5: Messages.

3.2.3 View/Add Attachments

Click **View/Add Attachments** to upload documents to the RFD in addition to the responsive documents you uploaded in section 3.2.1: *Upload Records*. You can also view any attachments included with this original request from this page. For detailed instructions on Attachments in Collaboration, visit section 6: *Using Attachments in Tasks*.

3.2.4 RFD Notes Log

The *Notes* page lets you view all notes on this task. This includes both automated notes on system processes, as well as any notes added manually using the Add Note option.

Notes Log - Request For Documents				
Task ID: 00000078				
Add Note Edit Note	View Note Print Notes Close			
Action	Comments	Created Date		
Receipt Confirmed	Task Receipt Confirmed	09/18/2024:12:49:33		
Request for Documents Receiv	red -	09/18/2024:12:40:11		
1	Page: 1 of 1 Go Page Size 2 Change	Item 1 to 2 of 2		

3.2.5 Change Status

Use the *Change Status* feature to track progress on this task. This status is internal to the Collaboration and is not reported back to the requester.

📕 Update Task Stat	tus - Request For Documents Information	
Task ID: 00000	0077	
Task Status		
Status	Accepted	•
Notes*	Accepted Rejected Need Additional Info In Process Cost Estimate Sent	
		Save Close

If for whatever reason you cannot fulfill the request, select **Rejected**, otherwise select **Accepted**. Provide **Notes** (required regardless of the status you select), then click **Save**.

3.3 Completing a Request for Documents Task

Once you've finished uploading and processing the documents to fulfill the RFD and are ready to complete the task, use the **Submit Completed Task** feature. Follow the steps below to submit a completed task.

- 1. In Collaboration, open the Request For Document Task that you are ready to complete.
- 2. On the Tasks tab toolbar, click Submit Completed Task:

Home Tasks	
Task ID: 00000078	
🐞 Upload Records 🔌 Messages 0/1 🕜 View/Add Attachments (0) 🖉 Notes Log (2) 🕴	🛿 Change Status 🛿 Submit Completed Task 🧊 Back
Request Information	
Request for Documents ID	111
Request #	25-FOI-00071
Status	Received
Received Date	09/18/2024

3. After clicking **Submit Completed Task**, the *Request ID* screen appears as shown below.

Request ID # 25-FOI-00071			
: To:			
Shannon Murphy			
Subject :			
25-FOI-00071 - Request for Documents Response			
Body:			
🖨 🍄 👬 🖽 🕺 🏠 🐔 🐔 🖓 - 🔍 - 🧶 🧶 📭 💼 🚍 🚱 🏪 🖪 I 🗓 abs x' X. Times New	• 16px • A • 🗞 • 💕	• 5 3 3 1 1	目律律
Words: 0. Characters: 0			
Attachments:			
Browse and Add from My Computer :			
Select			
Select Attachments from the Task Attachments List to be Submitted with this Task :			
Attachment Name	Size	Date Created	View/DownLoad
Quick Reference Guide.docx	929.27 KB	09/18/2024	[2]
			Submit Task Cancel

- 4. On this screen, provide the *Subject* and *Body* for the message that accompanies the completed Request.
- 5. In the *Attachments* field, use the **Select** button to upload documents to include with the completed request, or you can select attachments already added to the task to include in the response package.
- 6. When you're ready to submit the task back to the requester, click **Submit Task**.
- 7. A pop up message appears. Click **OK** to dismiss the message.
- 8. The Tasks tab refreshes, with the Status updated to Submitted.

Home Tasks	
Task ID: 00000078	
🍅 Upload Records 🖉 Messages 0/1 🕜 View/Add Attachments (1) 🔨 Notes Log (3)	🛃 Change Status 📓 Submit Completed Task 🎽 Back
Request Information	
Request for Documents ID	111
Request #	25-FOI 00071
Status	Submitted
Received Date	09/18/2024
Task Due Date	09/18/2024
Request Type	FOIA
Request Description	Request for documents

4 Consultation Tasks

4.1 Responding to a Consultation Task

When you've received a Consultation Task, it will appear in the *Consultation Tasks* list on your Collaboration *Home* tab. Follow the steps below to receive the documents and complete the task.

Home Tasks					
Collaboration Da	ashboard				📕 Refresh
Task Summary Inbox - (3) Over Due - (1) Arrived Today - (1)	1) Message Summary Unread (2) All (3) Outbox (0)		Task Sun 1.5 1.5 1.5 HQ Assigning Office(s)	Request for Documentations	uments
Consultation Tasks					
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Received Date	Due Date	Status
00000074	2025-FOIA-00019	HQ	09/11/2024	09/11/2024	Received
Request for Docume	ents Tasks				
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By	Received Date	Due Date	Status
00000078	25-FOI-00071	HQ	09/18/2024	09/18/2024	Submitted
00000077	2025-FOIA-00019	HQ	09/18/2024	09/18/2024	Received
Completed Tasks					
Task ID	Request #	Tasked By Ta	sk Type Received Date	Due Date	Status
		No records to display.			
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1. Locate the new **Consultation Task** in the list and double click it.

- 2. A pop-up appears informing that the sender has been notified that you opened the task. Click **OK** to dismiss this message.
- 3. The *Tasks* tab appears as shown below. First, you'll want to read the requester's message. Click **Messages** from the task toolbar.

Consultation Tasks

Home Tasks					
Task ID: 00000074					
🍅 Review Records Electronica y 🖉 Messages 1/1 🖉 🛝 👫 🖓 👘 👘 🖓 👘	otes Log (2) 😰 Change Status 🔗 Submit Completed Task 👔 Back				
Request Information					
Consultation Review ID	43				
Request #	2025-FOIA-00019				
Status	Received				
Received Date	09/11/2024				
Task Due Date	09/11/2024				
uest Type FOIA/PA					
Request Description	EDR testing ticket 73386				
Sender Information					
First Name	Admin				
Last Name	Admin				
Email	admin@opexustech.com				
Tasked By	HQ				
Phone Number	•				
Comments	•				
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4. Click View Message to view the message details:

Task ID: 000007	/ask ID: 0000074					
Messages	Request ID	Task ID		Subject	Read	Received Date
Inbox (1)	2025-FOIA-00019	00000074	Autosave Memo		Unread	09/11/2024
Sent(0) Eailed (0)	1			Page: 1 of 1 Go Page Size 1 Change		Item 1 to 1 of 1
Outbox(0)						
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5. Review the details of the consultation request, then click **Close**.

ask Id : 00000074	
Message	
Subject :	
Autosave Memo	
Body:	
test	
Attachments :	
No Attachments Found	

6. The *Status* of the message updates to *Read*. Click **Back** in the task toolbar to return to the *Task Details* page.

7. You can now opt to Accept or Reject this request. Click **Change Status** in the task toolbar. The Update Task Status page opens, where you can mark the request as **Accepted** or **Rejected**:

Task ID: 0000	00074	
Task Status		
Status	Accepted	*
Notes*	Accepted Rejected Need Additional Info In Process Cost Estimate Sent	
		Save Close

Note: There are also options to select *Need Additional Info, In Process,* and *Cost Estimate Sent*.

- 8. If for whatever reason you cannot fulfill the request, select **Rejected**, otherwise select **Accepted**. Provide **Notes** (which are required regardless of the status you select), then click **Save**. In this example, we will accept the request.
- 9. The status updates to *Accepted*. Next, click **Review Records Electronically** in the task toolbar. This allows you to access the materials provided for your review in Document Management.

Home Tasks	
Task ID: 00000074	
Review Records Electronically	🧧 Notes Log (3) Er Change Status 💈 Submit Completed Task 👔 Back
Request Information	
Consultation Review ID	43
Request #	2025-FOIA-00019
Status	Accepted
Received Date	09/11/2024
Task Due Date	09/11/2024
Request Type	FOIA/PA
Request Description	FDR testing ticket 73386

10. The Document Management interface opens (see the *Document Management* section for details), as shown below. From here, you can navigate through folder(s) in the left hand **document tree** panel and review each document/page.



11. Use the **toolbar** to adjust your page view and save the file.



- a. Save or Print the document.
- b. **Zoom** in or out of the page.
- c. **Exit** the Document Management window.

Note: You can also hover over each toolbar icon to view a Tooltip with more information.

12. Once you've reviewed the documents, you can close the Document Management window and return to the Task page to submit the completed task back to the requester. See section 4.2 for instructions on completing a consultation task.

4.2 Completing a Consultation Task

When you've completed the consultation review assigned to you in Collaboration, follow the steps below to submit the completed task.

- 1. In Collaboration, open the Collaboration Task that you are ready to complete.
- 2. From the task toolbar, click **Submit Completed Task**:

Consultation Tasks

Home	Tasks					
Task ID:	0000074					
🝅 Review	v Records Electronically	📁 Messages 0/1	🔗 View/Add Attachments (0)	🧾 Notes Log (3)	🛃 Change Stati	😰 Submit Completed Task 🙎 Back
Request	t Information					
Consulta	tion Review ID			43		
Request	#			2025-FO	A-00019	
Status				Accepted		
Received	l Date			09/11/20	24	
Task Due	Date			09/11/20	24	
Request	Туре			FOIA/PA		
Dequest	Description			EDD test	ng ticket 72204	

3. After clicking **Submit Completed Task**, the *Request ID* screen appears as shown below. On this screen, provide the *Subject* and *Body* for the message that will accompany the completed Request.

☐ Request ID # 2025-FOIA-00019
lo.
2023-FOIA-00019- Consultation Response
Words: 0 Characters: 0
<u>Attachments:</u>
Browse and Add from My Computer :
Select
Select Attachments from the Task Attachments List to be Submitted with this Task :
Attachment Name Size Date Created View/DownLoad
There are no Help Links to display
Submit Task Cance

- 4. In the Attachments field, use the **Select** button to upload documents to include with the completed request, or you can select attachments already added to the task to include in the response package.
- 5. When you're ready to submit the task back to the requester, click **Submit Task**.
- 6. A pop up message appears. Click **OK** to dismiss the message.
- 7. The Tasks tab refreshes, with the Status updated to Submitted.

Task ID: 00000074	
🍅 Review Records Electronically 🚔 Messages Q/1 🕜 View/Add Attachments (0) 🧾 N	otes Log (4) 💿 Change Status 🕴 Submit Completed Task 🎽 Back
Request Information	
Consultation Review ID	43
Request #	2025-FOIA-00019
Status	Submitted 💙
Received Date	09/11/2024
Task Due Date	09/11/2024
Request Type	FOIA/PA
Request Description	EDR testing ticket 73386
Sender Information	
First Name	Admin
Last Namo	Admin

5 Messages

You can use FX Collaboration to communicate with the requester, share attachments, and update the status of the request. Follow the steps below to use the *Messages* feature:

Note: The process is the same for both Requests for Documents and Consultation Tasks.

1. Open the task whose requester you'd like to contact. Click Messages:

Home Tasks	
Task ID: 00000077	
🐞 Upload Records 🏾 Messages 1/1 🖉 Tew/Add Attachments (0) 🖉 Notes Log (2) 🚦	💱 Change Status 🛛 🖞 Submit Completed Task 😭 Back
Request Information	
Request for Documents ID	110
Request #	2025-FOIA-00019
Status	Received
Received Date	9/18/2024
Task Due Date	09/18/2 94
Request Type	FOIA/PA
Request Description	EDR testing ticket 73386
Sender Information	

2. The *Messages* screen includes an **(A) action** toolbar and a **(B) list** of all messages associated with this task:

Task ID: 000000	78					
📑 New 🛸 Vie	ew Message 🔂 Reply	🕌 Mark as Read	🎬 Mark as Unread 🕴 👔 Bac			
Messages	Request ID	Task ID		Subject	Read	Received Date
Inbox (1)	25-FOI-00071	00000078	Sample		Unread	09/18/2024
Sent(0) Eailed (0)	1	R	Pa	ge: 1 of 1 Go Page Size 1 Change		Item 1 to 1 of 1
Outbox(0)						
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- 3. You can select a message from the list and click to **View Message** to open it, click **Reply** to reply to the selected message, or toggle the *Read* status for the selected message by clicking **Mark as Read** or **Mark as Unread**.
- 4. From this page, you can also start a new message thread with the requester. Click **New** from the toolbar. The *New Message* screen appears as shown below:

en kequest ID # 2025-FOIA-00019			E
Request ID # 2025-FOIA-00019 - Message			
To :			
Admin Admin			
Subject:			
Request ID # 2025-FOIA-00019 - Message			
Body:			
B			
Attachments: Browse and Add from My Computer : Select Attachments from the Task Attachments List to be Submitted with this Task :			
Attachment Name	Size	Date Created	View/DownLoad
There are no Help Links to display			Send Message Cancel

5. First enter a (A) *Subject*, fill in the message (B) *Body*, and add any (C) *Attachments* if needed. Note: While you can attach documents to a message from this page, you should upload responsive documents as part of the request completion process. See the *Request for Documents Tasks* section to learn how to submit responsive documents.

6. When you're ready to send the message to the requester, click (**D**) **Send Message**. The message will appear right away in the *Outbox*, then move into the *Sent* messages list once it has processed:



Note: If an error occurs while sending the message, it will appear under the *Failed* messages list.

6 Attachments

You'll likely need to add attachments at some point during the task, whether it's a requested document, an email, or another file that will provide context to the requester. Collaboration has a few tools to make it simple to add and manage attachments.

Note: The process is the same for both Requests for Documents and Consultation Tasks.

Home Tasks	
Task ID: 00000077	
🐞 Upload Records 🖉 Messages 1/1 🔏 View/Add Attachments (0)	🔮 Change Status 🛿 Submit Completed Task 👔 Back
Request Information	
Request for Documents ID	110
Request #	2025-FOIA-00019
Status	Received
Received Date	09/18/2024
Task Due Date	09/18/2024
Request Type	FOIA/PA
Request Description	EDR testing ticket 73386
Sender Information	
First Name	Admin
Last Name	Admin
Email	admin@opexustech.com
Tasked By	HQ
Phone Number	•
Comments	Please provide the responsive documents
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1. Open any Task. Click View/Add Attachments:

2. The Attachments screen appears. Included here are a (A) Task Attachments list with all current attachments (if any), and the option to (B) Add Attachments:

ask Id : 00000078				
Task Attachments:			6 . D .	
No. Attachment	Size	Received Date	Sent Date	
1. Quick Reference Guide.docx	929.26 KB	-	-	×
dd Attachments: Attach File	Select	В		

3. Use the file navigator to select the document you'd like to upload. Your file will appear under the Add Attachments bar. Click **Attach File** to attach it to the RFD.

ttachments - Request For Documents		
Task Id : 00000078		
Task Attachments:		
No Attachments Found.		
Add Attachments:		
	Select	
Quick Reference Guide × Remove		
Attach File		
		los

4. The screen will refresh, and the Task Attachments list will now include the file.

Task Attachments:				
No. Attachment	Size	Received Date	Sent Date	
1. <u>Quick Reference Guide.docx</u>	929.26 KB	-	-	\times
Add Attachments:				
	Select			

- 5. Repeat this process until you've uploaded all the files you'd like to attach to the task. You can also click the **X** next to any attachment to remove it from the Task.
- 6. When you're finished, click **Close** to return to the *Task Details* page.

7 Notes Log

Both Requests for Documents and Consultation Tasks include a *Notes Log* to document actions taken on these tasks. You can access the *Notes Log* from within a *Task* by click the **Notes Log** as shown in the following example:

Home Tasks				
ask ID: 0000077				
🍅 Upload Records 🖉 Messages 1/1 🧷 View/Add Attachments (0) 🙀 Notes Log (2)	🖉 🖓 nge Status 🛿 Submit Completed Task 👔 Back			
Request Information				
Request for Documents ID	110			
Request #	2025-FOIA-00019			
Status	Received			
Received Date	09/18/2024			
Task Due Date	09/18/2024			
Request Type	FOIA/PA			
Request Description	EDR testing ticket 73386			
Sender Information				
First Name	Admin			
Last Name	Admin			
Email	admin@opexustech.com			
Tasked By	HQ			
Phone Number	-			
Comments	Please provide the responsive documents			
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The Notes Log appears as shown below. This screen includes a (A) Notes Log with the actions taken in filling this request. There are also several (B) Actions you can take on the log.

Print Notes Close	
Comments	Created Date
eceipt Confirmed	09/18/2024:09:41:05
	09/18/2024:09:40:45
e: 1 of 1 Go Page Size 2 Change	Item 1 to 2 of 2
	Print Notes Close Comments eccipt Confirmed

You can take actions on notes by selecting a note from the (A) *Log* and selecting an (B) Action. These are described below:

Notes Log

Action	Description	Image
Add Note	Click Add Note to manually add a note to the log. Add comments in the <i>Note</i> field, then click Save to save the note in the log	Notes Log - Request For Documents Task ID: 00000077 Create Notes Characters Remaining 999 Note:* Save Close
Edit Note	Select a note from the list and click Edit Note to edit the content. Click Save to save any changes you make.	Notes Log - Request For Documents Task ID: 00000077 Create Notes Characters Remaining 999 Note:* Save Close
View Note	Select a note from the list and click View Note to view the note contents.	Note: Note: Print Close
Print Notes	View all notes in a printable list. Click Print to send the list to a connected printer.	Print Close Notes Log Created Date : 9/18/2024 9:41:05 AM Status : Received Status : Received Notes : Created Date : 9/18/2024 9:40:45 AM Created Date : 9/18/2024 9:40:45 AM Status : Received Notes : Status : Received
Close	Click Close to close the Notes Log.	N/A

Once you've uploaded pages to the RFD task, you can add annotations and/or redactions to the pages. **Redactions** obscure information that is protected from release. **Annotations** are review objects like highlights, notes, stamps, which can aid in document review. In this section we highlight a few of the features in DM for Collaboration.

For full details on FOIAXpress Document Management, see the <u>FOIAXpress User Manual</u>. Note that the linked manual described functionality that is not available to you as a Collaboration user.



8.1 Document Management Interface

Area	Description
A	The Document Tree is where you can view (and define, depending on your permissions) the structure of the document set. Navigate through the File Cabinet Drawer , Folders , Sections , and the Pages that compose the folders. You can also right click at each level to view additional review and management options, depending on both the type of task, object selected, and your permissions.
В	Documents appear in the Reading Panel . You can adjust your view of the documents here, as well as perform some of the many review actions available on the
С	The Page Toolbar has options to change your view of the documents, as well as some document management options (like the Save button, that's here).
D	Review Objects let you apply manual redactions, stamps, sticky notes, highlights, and other tools that help you complete a comprehensive Collaboration review.

8.2 Review Objects

In Document Management, you can use one of many available **Review Objects** available on the right-hand side of the window.



The following table outlines each toolbar item:

Note: You can also hover over each toolbar icon to view a Tooltip with more information.

Task	Description	Toolbar Icon
Object selection	Select objects such as lines, folders, pages, and buttons.	ĸ
Redact	Redact sensitive information using a rectangular shape.	2
Polygon redact	Redact (or hide) sensitive information by drawing a shape in any way you choose.	
Select stamp	Opens a menu where you can select a stamp to mark the document with messages such as Draft, Approved, Official, Top Secret, Checked, and other messages.	
Dynamic stamp	Stamps that contain single select, text, and date fields that need to be populated prior to placement in a document.	2

Task	Description	Toolbar Icon
Highlight	Identify specific text by highlighting it in yellow.	Π
Comments	Type comments on the document.	Z
Sticky notes	Add sticky notes to the document.	
Shape tools	Add lines, circles, or ellipses to the document.	\sim
Rotate tools	Rotate the page left or left.	♦
Flip tools	Flip the page horizontally/vertically.	
Deskew/Undo Deskew	Adjust slightly askew images. This is used when scanned pages are askew in the display. You can also reverse the deskew action.	

8.3 Find and Redact

Use the **Find and Redact** feature to locate and redact specific content and automatically apply redactions to any matching text. You can use find at redact at the folder, section, or individual

page level. To use find and redact, select the area in the document tree you want to search, then right click and select **Find and Redact**:

Find & Redact	8
Find Advanced	
Find & Redact	
Find What	
Word/Phrase 🗸	
OPEXUS ->	Help
	·
Redact	
Reduction Code(s)	
(b)(1) Select Co	des Clear Codes
Page Range	
O All Pages	
Current Page	
Selection	
Enter page numbers and/or page ranges separated by commas	5. For example: 1,3,5-12.
Find & Strikethrough Find & Create High	light for Review Find & Redact Cancel

You can use the *Find What* dropdown menu to search for specific content or PII, as shown below:

Find What		
	Word/Phrase 🗸	
	Credit Card Numbers	
	Currency	
	Email Addresses	
	Employer ID Numbers (EIN)	
R	Social Security Number (SSN)	
	Telephone Numbers	
ŀ	Word/Phrase	

Select the Page Range to apply redactions then select a button for the action you'd like to apply.

8.4 Apply Redactions

You can manually apply redactions and other review objects on the right toolbar, then clicking to apply in the review panel. In this example we'll draw a Redaction:



Because we applied a redaction, the *Select Redaction Codes* screen appears where we'll have to select a code to apply. Select from the list (or use the filters to search) then click **Select Redaction Codes** to apply the selected code to the redaction.