Connect Module 5—Using myConnect

CEDS users shared Connections around a variety of interesting topics. This tutorial explains how you can use the *myConnect* feature to see how your own CEDS-aligned data systems can be applied to a particular Connection.

Use myConnect (Topic 1)

The *myConnect* feature allows users who have mapped their data systems to CEDS via the Align tool to apply them to a particular CEDS Connection. By using CEDS as a bridge, this allows users to see how the elements in their own data systems might correspond to the elements necessary to answer a particular policy issue or data question.

You must be logged in to use this feature. Note that to use the myConnect feature, a user must either 1) be the owner of the shared map he or she wishes to use, or 2) be an owner of the Connection. The owner of the Connection can only use *myConnect* on shared Align maps.

To get started, view a shared Connection. In the "Go Further with this Connection" box, click the myConnect button. If you are not logged in, the system will prompt you to do so.

You are now taken to a list of any CEDS Align maps that you have shared. Alternatively, if you are the owner of the Connection, you will see a list of any shared Align maps.

Select up to ten maps from the list of available maps. For this demonstration, we will use the demo maps called *A Tutorial Map for Demonstration* and *Some Basic Elements*. Now click *View myConnect*. The system displays the CEDS elements listed in this Connection and, for each map you selected, the corresponding elements within that map. Maps are listed consecutively. Elements are broken down by the data groups included in the Connection. If the selected map did not contain any elements aligned to a particular CEDS element, the text *No Corresponding Element Available in this Map* is displayed. If you are the Map Administrator or Authorized User for the map, this text will be hyperlinked. Selecting the hyperlink will allow you to see a list of elements in your map. You can select one or more to align to the CEDS element.

To see more information on a specific CEDS element, click on its name. You will now see the element's details. Return to *myConnect* by clicking *Close*. You can hide the information for a specific map by clicking the green *Collapse* button; re-open it by clicking *Expand*.

If you want to see all selected maps side by side, click the "Switch View" button in the top right of the Data Elements section. The maps are now displayed as columns expanding out to the right. To switch back to a consecutive view, click "Switch View" again.

Exit *myConnect* by clicking *Clear myConnections.* You are now taken back to the Connection. If you download the Connection without first clicking *Clear myConnections*, the myConnect information will appear in the PDF download.

This completes Connect Module 5—Using myConnect. You now understand how to use the *myConnect* feature. For more information on the other dynamic capabilities of the Connect Tool, please view the other Connect tutorials available on the CEDS website or contact us for a demonstration.