

Fast Facts Quattro

Reciprocal Access Program

Who are the organizations involved in Quattro? The organizations involved are the MetroList, Bay Area Real Estate Information Services, Inc. (BAREIS MLS), and the San Francisco MLS.

How many Agents and Brokers are involved in the three MLS organizations? There are currently over 40,000 agents and Brokers involved in all three MLS organizations.

What primary counties are covered in Quattro? There are fifteen counties, in which the three MLS organizations have property and listing content. These counties have a population of over 5,600,000 according to the US Census Bureau. The counties include:

El Dorado	Merced	Sacramento	Sonoma
Lake	Napa	San Francisco	Stanislaus
Marin	No. San Mateo	San Joaquin	Yolo
Mendocino	Placer	Solano	

What exactly is the objective of Quattro? The information sharing project marks a landmark leap forward in cooperation between MLS organizations. This provides for the first time, a one-stop Internet access to real-time data covering a vast geographic area. (from the Pacific Ocean to the crest of the Sierra Mountains) The new data sharing arrangement greatly enhances the ability of real estate agents to effectively serve their clients throughout northern California.

What is the benefit of Quattro to Agents and Brokers? Each of the Regional MLS organizations involved have gravitated into a “natural marketplace” and have greatly enhanced customized databases to serve their members needs. Quattro is a full access reciprocal program that permits each organization to continue to offer highly customized service to the membership. Quattro will also offer enhanced multi-regional data to the Brokers and Agents that operate on a multi-regional basis. Quattro will integrate the data from all three Regional MLS organizations. Authorized individuals will also be able to access Quattro for a single combined data feed.

Does this mean the organizations are merging? No. The three organizations involved have signed a special reciprocal access agreement that permits the members of each organization to access the multiple listing databases of all three organizations, including a special fourth server called “Quattro.” This fourth database will contain the blended data of all three organizations. Each organization involved will continue to operate their “home MLS.”

When will this program be implemented? There are three stages to this process. First stage, all members of the three organizations will be enrolled in the Rapattoni Secure Logon program, and provided a token that enhances the security of the MLS systems. This stage is scheduled to begin in January of 2007. Tokens will be mailed to all MetroList users the week of January 8, 2007. On January 16th, 2007 the Token Secure Logon feature will be available to register access for MetroList, BAREIS, and San Francisco users. **Register your token as soon as you receive it in order to insure no interruption in your Prospector MLS access.** In the second stage, starting February 20th, 2007, members will be able log on to Prospector, and have available links to BAREIS and San Francisco MLS. The third stage is the addition of the Quattro database. This database is a combination of listings from all three MLS databases. The last stage will make the blended data available for data transfer. The Quattro database will be online and available to MetroList, BAREIS, and SFAR users by April 10th 2007.

Does this mean we are changing systems again? No. All three of the MLS organizations involved use the Rapattoni System and will continue to use their current system. Rapattoni has been selected as the technology partner to develop Quattro, and will be providing the technology services for the Secure Logon program.

Will Quattro replace my MLS system? No. All of the MLS systems have very complicated enhanced databases to handle the regional needs of the members. Quattro will be a “blended” database of the three organizations. As a standardized database, Quattro may not include some of the data, we have been able to map and accommodate about 97% of the data from each MLS. Members will be able to access the home database of the listing if additional information is needed.

Why will we have a special security program? There is a great deal of confidential information on a multiple listing service, including confidential instructions, information about your customer, and information about your prospects. All three organizations have been reviewing implementation of a more secure logon process to protect that information. Expanding the access of all members to three MLS systems and the Quattro system made the addition of enhanced security a priority.

Will I have access to input listings into all three MLS'? Once you have logged on to your home system, you will be able to transfer to another system, and enter the listing directly in the other MLS. When you place a listing on the other MLS, you will be required to follow the Rules and Regulations of the MLS that is hosting your listing.

If I am paying fees to MetroList, as my primary MLS, do I need to pay any fees for inputting a listing into BAREIS or San Francisco? No. MetroList, BAREIS, and San Francisco share a full reciprocal agreement. You will only be required to pay fees to one MLS (of your choice). You will have full access to all three MLS's.

How will I keep up with the rules of each organization? In the early stages a brief fact sheet will be available from each MLS highlighting the key differences in the rules (i.e. days to post a listing, days to change status). Every effort will be made over the next year to create a more standardized set of rules and regulations.

What will be required to participate in the program? You will be required to be an active member in good standing with MetroList, BAREIS MLS, or the San Francisco MLS. Second you will be required to subscribe to an agreement to abide by the rules of each organization, and of the new Quattro server. It is also required to use the Secure Logon token, to access these three systems.

Do I have to be a member of all three MLS organizations to participate? No. You only have to be a member, in good standing and pay fees, to your choice of one of the three MLS organizations.

Can I opt out of the Quattro server so I don't have to use the Secure Logon Token? No. All listings entered into one of the three MLS organizations will automatically appear on the Quattro server. Due to the security risks of exposing client's confidential information, the three MLS organizations are implementing the Secure Logon Token. Access to all three MLS organizations and the Quattro server are added benefits of your MLS service.

What about access to Lockboxes. The Supra lockbox system is used throughout the three Regional MLS organizations, and cooperative access will be available to the members of the three organizations as soon as possible after the January 16, 2007 implementation date.

Will MetroList®, charge an additional fee for the Quattro or Secure Logon programs? MetroList has incorporated the costs of both the Quattro and Secure Logon program in the existing budget. There is no anticipated increase in fees expected at this time. Each organization involved in the effort sets its own fees for access and service.

With E-Neighborhoods new Power Tools introduced, will I be able to use them with Quattro? Yes. E-Neighborhoods Power tools will work in conjunction with all three MLSs and the Quattro database. This will give you access to our new CMA, Buyers Tour, enhanced mapping features and new flyers.

If I have received a token through BAREIS or San Francisco MLS, do I need to get another one for MetroList? No. You will only need one token to access MetroList, BAREIS, and the San Francisco MLS. You may still choose MetroList as your "Primary MLS" even if you have already received a token from BAREIS or San Francisco.

Where can I direct further question regarding any of these items? You can direct further questions to MetroList staff (916) 922-7584 or outside the 916 area code (888) 898-9788.