

Attendees:

SK Nanda
Larry Murphy
Chris Dunn
Brad Bird
Jim Barton
Billy Johnson
Jerry Webb

1. HQ Update

- a. TEN – lots of false starts; not a lot of use at this time; there is a renewed interest in making it functional or canning it. John Hunter and Jerry will work with Tim to incorporate meaningful content to the website and encourage folks to start using it.
 - i. **Action item:** visit TEN and send Jerry bullets on changes or things to be incorporated; do within next month
 1. Call for papers, conferences
 2. SME lists
 3. Update POCs
 4. SET
 5. web site links
 - ii. Other COPS are being asked to do the same
 - iii. Chris Dunn noted that we need a user's manual and how to set permissions to make changes to TEN; Jerry will provide user instructions along with request to update
 - iv. Jerry added full edit capability for John Hunter and himself along with Tim Pangburn- Others can be added as needed.
 - v. A search engine is being added to TEN
 - vi. John will be following up to ensure action item is completed
- b. ACTIONS for CHANGE:
 - i. Technical competencies
 - ii. COP Lead request from AFC committee (Jon Jaeger) to respond to survey for data on services, shortfalls, who is doing what;
 - iii. **Action item:** EAC members to provide input to survey; Jerry will send it out; make decisions on how to handle job series under H&H and WM; cc Web, Hunter and Lee
- c. WATER MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION – still trying to set up presentation; will likely be subsumed by Actions for Change

2. SME

- a. Still haven't heard from anyone on SME's
- b. **Action Item:** Need everyone to pick two people – Last call!
- c. Jerry says he and Chris will make decisions if people do not send their top picks
- d. How to manage lists? Need to keep final list of top two; MSC's can keep their own detailed lists. Use Groove to maintain MSC lists; use TEN for

top two SME POCs (exception is NWD with Missouri and Columbia River water management that may have 4 SME POCs)

3. SET
 - a. Chris has received additional software additions
 - b. Some Chris needs more input on how to classify
 - c. Jerry suggests putting it under 'Allowed for Use' and note that it is regional software ' Program X – NWD'; will clear with Bob Banks;
 - d. need a process to vet programs nationally; vetting process can be expensive - ~\$60K
 - e. must avoid raising questions about labeling these regional models as 'allowed for use' due to lawsuits; models have been extensively scrutinized in repeated lawsuits and have been through a more rigorous peer review than other vetting processes; must not label them such that they provide uncertainty as to their verity
 - f. Chris will post revised list in two weeks
 - g. SK Nanda noted that no data collection software is noted under Water Management
 - h. Original list 'SET 500' was originally focused on software for R&D funding; not approval for use which is current intent
 - i. Need to also add other agency software that is used by Corps offices such as NWS, BuRec, EPA models
 - j. At some point in time, there will be an effort to move towards standard national software products
4. WM ACE-IT issues
 - a. Jerry has worked with HEC to specify the 14 inch screen special configuration power users laptop (M2300 with lower video card vs CADD/GIS 6300)
 - b. There has been a lot of e-mail traffic with Bob Banks, ACE-IT and others on how to push forward the special configurations
 - c. Chris Dunn indicates that we can order anything we want if we are willing to pay the difference; Jerry is still not certain of this as no process exists at this point and no catalog that enables us to do this
 - d. Commander's reports are due April 15 (originally due mid-March) which will specify costs (hardware and software licenses)
 - i. Based on ACE-IT surveys
 - ii. Baseline costs plus additional costs
 - e. No action items stemming for special configurations until Jerry meets with Gary Seibert
5. HH&C Needs Assessment
 - a. Debbie proposed reviewing the original recommendations by dividing them up amongst folks
 - b. Jerry thinks that this effort will be subsumed by Jon Jaeger's Technical Competency under Actions for Change
 - c. Shift to this new approach and revisit original Task Force Report to see if anything needs to move forward to new survey

- d. Products expected from Jon's group will be required training and staffing needs
 - e. Metrics for effectiveness for CoPs
 - f. **Action item:** Jerry to coordinate AFC survey
6. Guidance Documents
- a. HEC is summarizing all H&H and Water Management
 - b. They will then be ranked
 - c. **Action Item:** EAC is to let Chris know what the top 5 documents are to be update; send to Chris and Jerry
 - d. **Action Item:** Follow up with Jack on ERDC guidance
 - e. HH&C CoP needs a programmatic approach to updating guidance; ramification of HQ reduction in H&H staff
7. R&D
- a. We will soon be able to see what funds are being spent by business line
 - b. Ways to better interact between R&D and Civil Program
8. Climate Change
- a. ASA asked how we are considering climate change
 - b. Jerry will respond that we are addressing sea level rise for coastal planning and design process; no consensus yet on how to incorporate into water management, impacts may vary around the country; we operate with water on the ground
 - c. Jim Barton suggests we need USACE guidance on whether we should use IPCC IV as standard for addressing climate change; should we start to change our rule curves, etc.
 - d. Need closer working relationship with NOAA and climate researchers to let them know what time scales and parameters we need to drive our models; Jerry encourages folks to participate in local conferences and meetings as possible
 - e. **Action Item:** Jerry will provide response to ASA on Corps' response to climate change
9. Next Call – as per schedule