

TIPS Steering Committee Action Items

2012 Denver, CO

No.	Topic	Priority Item	Action Item	Assigned to:	Resolution	Due or Completed Date
1	CAD		Send a survey to users regarding the use of Carlson software versus Civil 3D	CAD Team		7/13/2012
2	CAD		Inform the NTPP course managers for engineering courses about the availability of the eLearning CAD modules	CAD Team & NTPP Course Managers		7/13/2012
3	Geospatial	!	Develop a Geospatial Workshop through IMCC to include ePermitting. Similar to the Geospatial Conferences sponsored by TIPS in 2004 and 2007, with the addition of the recent developments with ePermitting in some states and Tennessee.	Chris Yde, Daryl Hines, Larry Evans, and Mike Sharp will contact state groups.	Lack of funding support from OSM appears to have scrapped this plan.	11/10/2012
4	Training		Find out the details about the Laser Total station training from Duane Matt & Mike Richmond	Duane Matt	Course was completed.	5/31/2012
5	Training		Develop more eLearning videos about how to use checkout equipment	Equipment Managers	Further discussions pending WR TIPS Reorganization	4/29/2013
6	GIS		Evaluate the utility of Subsurface Analyst for ArcGIS extensions. Is this useful for SMCRA? How much does it cost?	GIS Team	COMPLETE	6/22/2012
7	Hydrology	!	Need the large watershed team to provide a matrix showing the capabilities of the WMS software. Who is the SW manager and the cost? What other software was evaluated? Decision deferred until these items received. Include HydroCAD and Pondpac if possible	Hydrology Team	Vendor confirmation for KeyServer licensing is COMPLETE. Table provided.	10/19/2012
8	Hydrology		Look into HydroCAD and Pondpac. Culverts and ponds for AML. May be related to Large Watershed analysis	Hydrology Team	"HydroCAD is a module within the CAD courses. "At this time, the Hydro Team is not in a position to do any indepth evaluation of new software. Our focus is on getting our core software programs running."	10/17/2012
9	Website		Remind inspectors about the virtual campus and information about the camera tutorials – cc managers	Lou Hamm	COMPLETE and sent	6/5/2012
10	Management		If states ask for grant money to purchase software that is already provided by TIPS, be sure that they are aware of TIPS services.	Lou Hamm, Billie Clark	Need to educate grants specialists and FOD's. Pending TIPS Western Region Reorganization.	2/18/2013
11	Management		Talk to managers about having states pay for travel to classes. Add a checkbox for the option on TIPS course sign-up forms.	Lou Hamm, Billie Clark	Discussed at the WR Managers meeting August 22.	8/22/2012
12	Mobile Computing		Get iPads	Lou Hamm, Billie Clark	Received and distributed!	11/7/2012
13	Mobile Computing		Research possible purchase of ground-based LIDAR. Vendors are Rifle and Optec.	Mobile Computing Team	DEFERRED until Tonya finds out who asked for it and we evaluate the usefulness of the laser Total Station	4/29/2013
14	Mobile Computing		Look into the technology of cloud interactive with mobile technology	Mobile Computing Team	WV has not adopted the concept of utilizing mobile computing technology in connection with "Cloud" environment. Looking into if there is any presentation or document trace regarding the concept of linking mobile computing to their TAGIS app. WV will present a paper on their progress at the ESRI User Conference in 2013.	10/1/2012
15	Remote Sensing	!	Check the wording regarding sharing NGA data – Clarify via NGA PUM. Other state agencies and beyond	Remote Sensing Team	COMPLETE - Revised information from NGA attorney Patrick Kim indicates that, "as long as it is clear that we are providing this support to OSM (and that OSM is merely passing it on to the mining companies), this would be legally justified."	9/5/2012
16	Remote Sensing		What is the latest technology for looking below the surface? example Ground Penetrating Radar. At least conduct a literature search	Remote Sensing Team	Pending	8/17/2012

17	Remote Sensing	People think we need Mr. SID when we have something that will do the same thing. We need to get the word out about ERDAS	Remote Sensing Team	COMPLETE - Aldo Plascencia distributed instructions to Service Managers and the TIPS Team on 10/16/12	10/16/2012	
18	Remote Sensing	!	Develop standard operating procedures for Apollo	Remote Sensing Team	Pending - Awaiting upgrade of the Apollo software	2/18/2013
19	Website	When TIPS Website is updated with GeoCommittee Information, send a message to the steering committee members	Chris Benson	The saga continues	12/12/2012	
20	Website	Develop a TIPS and Traps (FAQ) for individual software on the website	Support Teams & AmeriCorps web specialist	Now that the budgets are done - its time to address this.	4/29/2013	
21	Equipment	Make survey's forms for equipment via Metrics that matter	Tonya Mullins		2/4/2013	
22	Hydrology	The constituent survey revealed that someone need the Geochemist Workbench software. Tonya will find out who it is and let the Hydrology Team know. The Hydrology Team will then evaluate if the need justifies the cost of another seat of software.	Brent Means	Cheryl Socotch from OH. Turns out that Cheryl needs AqQa. The request has been sent to Service Manager Dave Agnor 5/21/12	5/12/2012	
23	Management	Sort constituent survey results by office (if possible) before sending to the Service Managers	Tonya Mullins	COMPLETE and sent	5/17/2012	
24	Management	Get the questionnaire out earlier for TIPS Steering Committee constituents. Get results out a month early	Tonya Mullins		3/22/2013	
25	Management	Support for Natural Regrade. Possible news clips item. Communicate with the Natural Regrade customers that support is available	Tonya Mullins	Roger Allely in AK submitted comment, sent email inquiring as to need. Response received, working with AK to incorporate web training/assistance from Nicholas Bugosh into budget for FY12/13	5/16/2012	
26	Mobile Computing	Find out who needs laser range finders. This is a response to comments from the constituents survey.	Tonya Mullins	Nick Schaer from WV and Willard Shepard from KY indicated need. Sent info to Min Kim and cc'd service managers. COMPLETE	5/15/2012	
27	Training	Best practices class, how do we do things? A workshop or forum built by inspectors about technology use in inspections	Tonya Mullins	Survey inquiry is already out.	4/29/2013	
28	Training	Wait-listing students is confusing. Add a popup on the DOI Learn website to describe the difference in the programs	Tonya Mullins	Message changed on the link to DOI Learn on the TIPS Training website. COMPLETE	5/16/2012	
29	Training	Who needs more advanced GIS classes? Address that issue from the constituent survey.	Tonya Mullins	Susan Kozak from Iowa expressed interest, sent email to confirm and cc'd Janine. Susan responded and will let us know if those in her office need more training, polling folks. COMPLETE	5/16/2012	
30	Training	Explore govt. venues for training	Tonya Mullins	In progress. Found that Shepherdstown facility of the F&WS is far too expensive to be practical Further ????	7/20/2012	
31	Software	!	Start counting Civil 3D software hits.	Paul Ulmer	Delayed due to change in personnel	1/18/2013
32	Software	Take ArcPad off the software tracking list	Paul Ulmer		Delayed due to change in personnel	1/18/2013
33	Software	!	Appears to be an issue with software use counts. Research possible KeyServer Installation issue. For example, some customer offices - such as the Navajo and others - should have higher software usage numbers, but the reduction may be due to new employees computers not having KeyServer installed. TIPS needs to contact customer sites to ensure that KeyServer software is installed on all computer using TIPS software.	Paul Ulmer	Delayed due to change in personnel. Paul Ulmer discuss with Lou and then communicate to appropriate Service Managers	1/18/2013
34	Website	Add a web page to clarify the status of software being evaluated	Web Specialist - AmeriCorps hire	Web specialist hired - assignment pending	4/29/2013	
35	Website	Develop a calendar for checkout of loaner equipment on the web	Web Specialist - AmeriCorps hire	Web specialist hired - assignment pending	4/29/2013	
36	Website	Rockworks is a StratiFact replacement and it needs to be more advertised as such. Newsletter? News items on website	Web Specialist - AmeriCorps hire	No Service Manager for Rockworks currently - on hold.	4/29/2013	