



TIPS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2005

09:30 – 10:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

ATTENDEES:

Present: Bill Card, Daniel Lewis, Jo Gault (Knoxville), Susan Stoyek, and Mike Dunn (Pittsburgh), Bill Joseph, Kevin Garnett, Len Meier (Alton) Brent Means (Harrisburg), Steve Trujillo, Cathy McNish, Bill Clark, Bill Kannawin, Veronica Eskova, Mike Benavides Mary Greene, and Bob Welsh (Denver).

FlexLM Checkout times-further discussion

Status: There are still checkout problems with ArcPad.

Action: If there are any problems, people need to contact Bill Kannawin or Mike Benavides.

Action: Bill and Mike will monitor the situation and if problems are occurring, will let Billie Clark know.

Training Room-migration to new setup

Status: Susan and Cathy have heard nothing. Chad will have to make an IP address change. A CR needs to be submitted.

Action: Billie Clark needs to submit a CR.

Training Program

Status: Bob Welsh asked for FY06 Needs for Course Title Prerequisites and Description

Action: Team members need to get this to Bob within the next couple of weeks.

Software Upgrades and Distribution Schedule

Status: Autocad, Survcad will be ready for deployment Mid April.

Earthvision service pack cd may be ready for deployment mid April.

TIPS Tech Transfer Support

Status: Nothing to report

OSM GIS Team and EGIM status

Status: On March 8-10, 2005 Bill Card represented OSM at a meeting of the DOI Enterprise Geographic Information Management (EGIM) Working Group. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the USGS Central Region Hydrologist's Office, Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Lakewood, CO. Among the numerous items discussed at the meeting, the following are of particular interest to OSM:

Role of EGIM

The EGIM working group is a departmental team of bureau representatives and area experts who meet to collaboratively determine need for standardization, implementation of GIS, direction on policy,

programs, initiatives, funding priorities, organizational needs, as well as coordinating GIS activities among bureau, program, and DOI areas.

Action Items from EGIM Meeting for OSM

The EGIM team has identified tasks to be completed. Each bureau has its own list of action items. OSM has been requested to complete the following items:

Inventory of OSM Spatial Datasets. Identification of authoritative source for coal mining-related geospatial datasets.

Publication of Metadata for OSM Spatial Datasets.

Inventory of OSM Business Processes.

Inventory of OSM GIS Training Courses.

Annual Funding Contribution to EGIM.

ESRI User Conference Complimentary Passes

Users can begin to register on-line for the ESRI User Conference. However, complimentary passes will not be processed until after April 1st. Sometime after April 1, registrants will receive a confirmation. If you register online and receive a bill for the conference, please send that information to Alan Wilhelm so that it can be resolved. Please do not call ESRI.

ESRI Software Media Distribution Option

Starting with the release of ArcGIS 9.1, ESRI will offer an additional option to receive all ESRI software on an external hard drive with USB-2 adapter instead of traditional CDs and DVDs. This device is about the size of a deck of playing cards. ESRI software will also be available on traditional media.

ESRI "Keyless" ArcInfo

ArcGIS 9.2 is scheduled for deployment at the end of CY 2005. Three months after distribution, ESRI plans to release a "keyless" version of ArcInfo specially coded for DOI only. This optional distribution will not require hardware keys or license servers. There is discussion of creation of an "Interior" authorization file for use in installing this version of ArcInfo. On-line Internet registration may be a requirement with this option. This item will not be in the Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA).

TOPO

USGS is working on acquiring the TOPO product for all of DOI and is waiting on pricing information from vendor.

ERDAS Imagine Licenses

BIA will send a data call to determine DOI interest in acquiring Imagine software licenses. OSM needs to determine the number of licenses it needs. BIA will be wanting responses by April 15.

AutoDesk

BOR is working with AutoDesk on determining the number of licenses DOI bureaus have for AutoDesk products. AutoDesk is requesting an Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) with DOI similar to the ESRI ELA.

ESRI Enterprise Development Network (EDN)

Action: Bill Card needs to advise Greg Morlock of the support information regarding ESRI.

Action: Advise Alan Wilhelm if you have an interest in going to the ESRI conference.

TIPS Web Team Status

Status: The Web Team will be adding a tracking software on the site. They will be helping NTTD with their Web Site. Data calls will be coming out regarding the Web Page Contract.

GeoFluvv Review Team

Status: Keven Garnett has a conference call on Tuesday.

Steering Committee Meeting

Status: Len Meir is circulating an agenda.

Action: Everyone should take a look and comment if needed.

Action: If anyone has a suggestion for a TIPS team award, please let Billie Clark know.

New Items:

AutoCAD Licenses for Training – don't use FlexLM license, use 30-day temporary:

Status: No Information yet.

TIPS 2006 Steering Committee Meeting

Status: Lois Uranowski will be our lead on this meeting

TEAM REPORTS:

Susan Stoyek: Powerpoint 2003: Animated GIFs contained in Powerpoint presentations earlier than version 2003 will not run the animation in Powerpoint 2003. We're waiting to hear back from Microsoft on this issue. Bob Welsh will advise the instructors.

ArcGIS: If you upgrade to Office 2003 on a computer with ArcGIS installed, at the next startup of an ArcGIS component (e.g., ArcMap) an installation routine will begin and couple of minutes later you'll be prompted to insert the ArcGIS Desktop CD . Insert the ArcGIS Desktop CD which will run a repair routine (takes about 5 minutes if you've disabled antivirus). ArcGIS requires a couple of directories with files located in \Program Files\Microsoft Office. The Office 2003 upgrade removes them as they are no longer needed by Office. The ArcGIS repair routine (which is referred to as an installation in the message screens) reinstalls them back and probably corrects registry issues.

Veronika Eskova: Galena Slope Stability Analysis Course is available in-classroom and online now. Galena Online course is successfully completed and ready for students. This information will be available to our

customers through OSM training contacts. For more information about Galena Online Course visit <http://www.tips.osmre.gov/training/index.asp>

Bob Welsh: There is contract money left for e-learning courses

Mike Benavides: Will be traveling to Sheridan, Wyo and Casper, Wyo to visit and repair TIPS software installations.