



TIPS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2009

09:30 – 10:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

ATTENDEES:

Bill Card, Mike Richmond, Cathy McNish, Karyn Evans, Lou Hamm, Jessica Villanueva, Matt Moore, Janine Ferarese, Eric Perry, Tonya Buckmaster, lessha Moore, Aldo Plascencia, Steve Trujillo, Paul Ehret, Debbie Dale, Dianne Osborne, Dawn Trudeau, Mike Dunn, Duane Matt, Corey Miller, Dave Agnor, Henry Austin; Note Taker: Matt Moore

AGENDA ITEMS:

Budget Spending – Dawn Trudeau Requisitions over 100K has already past, they needed to be entered into the FBMS/Prism system by July 13. Hopefully no one has anything that needs to be purchased over 100K. Reacquisition between 25 to 100 thousand needs to be entered in the FBMS system by August 10, 2009. Taking all things into consideration all the information needs to be into Dawn by July 8, 2009. Requisitions 25 thousand or less is the same process, Dawn needs to have those by Wednesday, unless you have three bids. If you have three bids Dawn will need the information by August 10, 2009. So if you get three bids and it's under 25K then you have till August 10, 2009, if not it will need to be in by Wednesday. We still have till August 21, 2009 to purchase anything that is 5K and that will have to be approved by Office of Management and Budget. All this information just came out last Wednesday to be exact.

Alan Wilhelm has retired. That was as of last Thursday he left. He will be missed.

We have a Trimble GeoXT class, Teresync, and PF Office class on August 11-13, 2009 and we are in need of a lead instructor. If you aware of anyone that can fill this position please let us know as soon as possible.

ArcGIS software updates have been sent out. Part of the information was sent out Friday of last week and the second half was sent out Monday of this week.

Servers - We also discussed in the last meeting that we are moving the servers to the Denver Federal Center. This will provide up with a bigger pipe for transferring data, that will help quite a bit but won't help on the users end if they have a smaller pipe but it will help with quite a bit in the future with what we have planned with downloads etc. That will be coming up at the end of July or end of August.

Some website changes, many of you saw that we got out the list of software versions out and who is the software manager on a table on the website. Many comments have been made and we have made any changes the people have suggested. Everything should be good and on the table now. Cathy keeps the

master which has much more detail in it. This is just to make everyone aware that this is new on the website. We will be holding a meeting on the planning for the website this week.

Website changes – there will be some updates for the website coming but the end of the year. The update will make the website look more up to date. As stated before we are hoping to have it up by the end of the year. There has been some discussion on people that are no longer working for OSM still located on the website.

Action Item: Please who ever has content on the website to make sure it is up to date.

Just for everyone's information the procedures to post a task to the website is located in SharePoint, it is on the TIPS team SharePoint if you were to go into the TIPS Website at the shared documents.

<http://wrpsites/tips/default.aspx>

ROUND TABLE:

Debbie Dale – Hydro team is still having teleconference 2 times a month. We are planning our team meeting in the end of August in Salt Lake City. SedCAD is being taught in Alton this week and AMD Treat for Acid Drainage Treatment Cost Estimation in August. Then Debbie will be teaching Aquasolv in Pittsburg in August. Working on the AQUA online course and finalizing the purchases for 5 additional licenses to bring us up to 10 user license.

Tonya – AutoCad 2010 version is being worked on. Hopefully should be ready by the end of July and shipped to Denver.

Corey – Kentucky Geological Survey taking a lead in the pilot project for address the need for the states GIS information gap regarding permit boundaries for mine delineations. So that is heading in the right direction. We are waiting on our software updates so we get those out so we can respond to all the states needs.

Mike Dunn – The Pennsylvania legislature has not passed a budget. So that means most of the state is working without pay. So we don't know what's happening there. The Earth Vision class went very well.

Dave Agnor – (Lou) were you able to look at the Ohio Geosurvey Request for ArcGIS?

Lou Hamm – I am looking at it as we speak. I don't have an answer for you yet.

Bill Card – I did have a conversation with MSHA the other day. Is there any way that MSHA employees could attend TIPS training?

Lou Hamm – Yes, anyone can attend a TIPS training class pending there is room in the class.

Karyn Evans – Just for your information if there are MSHA employees that are interested in TIPS training please let me know and I will send them a form to fill out and if there is no room I can at least place them on the wait list.

Diane Osborne – The Remote Sensing Team presented 4 different papers at the ASMR Meeting in Billings, MT in June. One was on Virginia AML inventory and the status of the project, Mike Dunn presented a close range photo imagery status of the work he's been doing, Roger Calhoun presented Approximate Original Contour on investment work for cost saving methods, Clairene Bailey presented paper quick bird imagery another ROI paper. The team is also working with the USGS on partnering with them for the potential of using their Terrestrial LIDAR Units.

Karen Evans – We have only 12 classes remaining for this fiscal year. I am in the process of going through the training needs survey for FY10, so we can start projecting what class will happen and where they will be. The top 6 classes are Intro to ArcGIS, Intro to Garmin, Image Analysis, E Tools for Permitting, AutoCAD Fundamentals, and AutoCAD Maps.

Aldo Plascencia – I've updated the spreadsheets with additional imagery. I will post that soon. Whenever you chance please check the spread sheets. The spreadsheets are on the shared sites for anyone and I will be posting those soon.

Next Meeting – August 4, 2009