



TIPS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2010

09:30 – 10:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

ATTENDEES:

Tonya Mullins, Aldo Plascencia, Jessica Villanueva, Lou Hamm, Matthew Moore, Mike Dunn, Chris Benson, Dawn Trudeau, Bill Card, Min Kim, Debbie Dale, Len Meier, Stefanie Self, Duane Matt, Kevin Garnett, Henry Austin, Susan Stoyek, Eric Perry, Tom Cunningham, Ken Walker, Debbie Dale, Randall Mills, Ilesha Moore, Janine Ferarese, Li Tai Bilbao

AGENDA ITEMS:

KeyServer – KeyServer installation on every TIPS user computer should now be complete. This includes our customer offices as well as our OSM offices. It is now time to begin tracking software usage and we cannot do so accurately unless the installation of KeyServer is complete.

TIPS Budget Status – Len Meier, Eric Perry, and Lou Hamm had a meeting concerning the TIPS budget, basically the meeting went over the cutbacks to the TIPS travel. . One cut that has occurred was the coordination meeting between teams; hopefully that meeting will come back in time. One other major change is that the Steering Committee will be held in Denver, CO, this is to save on costs this year because 10 of the Steering Committee members are coming from Denver.

Software Updates – AutoCAD, ArcGIS, and StatGraphics –

StatGraphics - The version of StatGraphics that we currently have does not work with Windows 7, but we are in the process of updating to the current version. This new versions of StatGraphics will be compatible with Windows 7, so far as we have been told.

ArcGIS – Is ready to go out. We are in the process of copying discs to send out to the Service Managers.

AutoCAD – We have AutoCAD 2011, Tom Mastaller is working on instructions for installation and it probably won't be out until after the first of the year.

Galena – The new version of Galena is out and is being tested here, in the Denver office. We want to make sure it is compatible with Keyserver before we proceed with distribution. The most likely release of this software would be about the third week of December.

HP 1055 Plotter Driver – There has been a problem with this plotter working with Windows 7 and a lot of our customers have not upgraded to Windows 7 as of yet. There has been, however a solution found for this problem, for everyone who has the HP 1055 Plotter you need to go to your drivers on your machine, you then tell your drivers system to update from the web and it will find the 1055 driver.

Training Report – The notification has been sent out about the February AutoCAD for Permitting and Reclamation class. So far we have had three students respond and 10 students

enroll in the class. CAD 301: Carlson Mining, Field Hydrology, and Natural Regrade for Permitting and Reclamation will be an onsite course located in Carterville, IL that will be taking place January 19, 2011 for whom ever is interested as well.

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Tonya Mullins: CAD 400 will be starting this next calendar year and the first class will be held in March which is invitation only and it's a full class. If you have anyone who is involved with CAD or ESRI and that want to be in this class, we really need help with instruction more so on the ESRI side of things. We would really like to, in the future have a CAD and ESRI instructor for this class but we really would like to have people attend that may become instructors later for this class. This class will be happening on March 8, 2011 in Alton, IL.

Len Meier: Finished installing the new desks in the Alton training room. Painting and carpeting will be done early next year.

Debbie Dale: Aqua is having some inconsistent problems on some Windows 7 systems.

Eric Perry: People involved with the Windows 7 conversion have been very involved with just the conversion and nothing else. It has consumed many man hours to get everything converted and transferred. Also, with Groundwater Vista we here have been having the same problem as Debbie mostly with laptops but we are working to solve this problem.

Robert Welsh: Last week I met with Trimble on some licensing under the new BPA that we have with them through DOI. Long story short, it gets us a 35% price reduction when purchasing software with them.

Geomine continues, of the 81 geoservices and geolayers that we have identified for four project states, 22 of those appear to be right for inclusion into geomine either as a geo service or data sharing service, hopefully both.

Greg is making great strides on the cloud computing side; he has stood up three virtual machines on Amazon.

Last, there is a possibility that we could obtain bulk purchasing authority for global mapper.

Chris Benson: New software evaluation this past week been trying GeoSynth which is a point cloud development software created by Microsoft. Basically an inspector could go out with his Panasonic GPS camera take a series of photos of a high wall or whatever they're interested in bring it back to the office, load it into a the software, and very rapidly develop a 3D point cloud from which you could either view in more detail from different angles information like that.