



## TIPS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2012

09:30 – 10:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

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### ATTENDEES:

lessha Moore, Tonya Mullins, Henry Austin, Ken Eltschlager, Debbie Dale, Kamilia Lograsso, Mike Dunn, Patrick Dege, Aldo Plascencia, Paul Ulmer, Dianne Osborne, Rob Welsh, Chris Benson, Tom Galya, Aaron Eckert, Eric Perry, Lou Hamm

### PRIORITY:

1. **TIPS Budget Team Spending** – All Support Teams have been notified that requisitions are now due for 2012 spending. Following this week, TIPS will collect remaining unspent funds for other priorities that were not funded earlier.
2. **New TIPS Lead Software Manager** – Trish Smith has left the Bureau. Paul Ulmer is appointed as the new Lead Software Manager. Paul has begun the process of reviewing his responsibilities and developing process improvements as necessary. Please be patient while Paul comes up to speed. Congratulations to Paul Ulmer!

### FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST MEETING:

1. **TIPS Steering Committee Action Items** –
  - a. Hydrology Team – Still need to provide verification from the Watershed Management System software developer of their agreement to allow TIPS to distribute the software via TIPS license sharing.
  - b. Other Government Venues for TIPS Training Classes have thus far proven to be uneconomical.
2. **GeoMine Update** – The draft final report is due to be completed on August 10. An Interagency Team will review the draft before passing on to OSM Executives for further review. The report will identify the success and failure of the project goals, along with findings and recommendations for the project.

### TRAINING TEAM REPORT:

1. HecRas Training Class is taking place this week onsite in Ohio.
2. Intro to GIS next week onsite in Huntington, WV

3. GPS with Garmin eTrex Vista will take place on site at the Adams State College in Alamosa, CO on July 26-27.
4. The Memorandum of Understanding with Adams State College will be signed in Alamosa in August. The Secretary of the Interior is invited.

**IT REPORT:**

1. The Dept. of the Interior is expected to address the bandwidth problem beginning in September. It is believed that the delay is tied to the Department's IT Transformation initiative.