

Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) is pleased to work with you in a coordinated effort to improve the telecommunications service, weather prediction, and weather planning capabilities in World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Association IV (RA-IV).

The ISCS RMTN will soon be adopting new technologies to extend data transport services beyond the end of the existing ISCS contract. All ISCS-G2 participating Member States are identified to have a NOAAnet circuit installed that will connect to the workstation either directly or through the existing site Local Area Network (LAN).

A preliminary site survey is required by NWS NOAAnet Program Office to obtain the information necessary to accomplish a future NOAAnet circuit installation. The U.S. NOAAnet contractor will be working with a local service provider in your area to accomplish the site survey. We request you provide the local service provider access to your facility to accomplish the survey. They will not install the circuit at this time. A circuit installation date will be coordinated with the site at a later time.

Attached are an introductory letter from John L. Hayes, Permanent Representative of the U.S. with WMO to WMO Region-IV President Arthur Rolle (each NMHS Director will be receiving a similar letter by FEDEX), overview presentation, detailed information concerning the transition to the ISCS-G2e, and a copy of the NOAAnet User Connection Agreement. Detailed transition schedules as well as additional information on the transition from ISCS-G2 will be posted on the ISCS web page (www.weather.gov/iscs) as they become available.

The NOAA Team teleconference call, addressed in the letter from John L. Hayes, is scheduled for 22 October, 2009. Please notify me (Patrick.gillis@noaa.gov) by 16 October 2009 if you plan to participate in the teleconference call.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to you for your continuing participation in the ISCS RMTN program.