

AWIPS II Topic of the Week -- AWIPS Task Order 11 (TO11) Negotiations

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This past Thursday at the NWS Town Hall a question was asked about when will AWIPS II be deployed? The Office of Science & Technology (OST) responded that the date is to be determined; reason, OST is in the midst of negotiating and finalizing Task Order 11 (TO11).

OST and the Acquisitions and Grants Office (AGO) are currently in negotiations with Raytheon to finalize the terms and conditions, as well as pricing of Raytheon's TO11 proposal. There have been several negotiating sessions between the two parties, and good progress is being made. Please note the final outcome will directly affect the cost, schedule and deliverables of TO11. This in turn, will give OST a more definitive timeline on when AWIPS will be deployed to the field offices. Everyone is anxious to reach an agreement as soon as possible, as there are many activities that depend on a clear, distinct plan of action and milestones for TO11. Please note throughout negotiations, the AWIPSII team has been focusing on ensuring this deployment goes as smoothly as possible with minimal operational impacts to the field.

OST wants to thank the AGO for leading this negotiation effort, under the leadership of Mitchell Ross and Edward Tennant. We also want to thank the many field and NWSHQ SMEs who are stepping up to help increase the testing rigor for the AWIPS II software. The goal of OST and the AWIPS Program Management Team is to ensure the delivery of a quality AWIPS II product through rigorous testing and careful planning of the deployment.

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Regards,

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