

## **AWIPS II Topic of the Week -- Acceleration Feedback**

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Wow! It must be that since we spend so much of our time forecasting, expressing opinions comes naturally to us. This is what I heard, loud and clear: Do not accelerate AWIPS II at the expense of quality. As one correspondent put it, "if the program can just stay on schedule and that adequate testing be accomplished with the end result being a more stable system then this would be far preferable to having a questionable system delivered earlier." Or as another said: "In the end, my sincere hope is that we field the most incredible, most error free, best documented, best supported, and most welcomed system ever in the history of our agency!" Good news. Don Berchoff, the new OS&T Director, recently emphasized the same point to us. He told us we in OS&T will deliver projects "on time, within cost and \*with A+ capability and performance\*." In fact, the approach to acceleration we are exploring with Raytheon is to focus on quality during the development phase. We are looking at ways to enhance testing and address high risk areas like the actual transition at a site. The acceleration will come when we can install the system quickly because we have tested it to ensure it meets requirements and performs well.

So many thanks for the input. When we have worked through specific options with Raytheon we will report out.

Thanks

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