

ISST Conference Call Notes
June 19, 2006

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(P) Reid Hawkins
(NP) Lee Anderson (facilitator)

1. Smart Tool Baselineing

----- cut from Dave Novak's email -----

In terms of the baselining process - the STSIT went through the RAP process and gathered regional consensus. FSL had a GFE change management process that we submitted the requirement to. Regions approved it. FSL felt it would be best (most efficient) to integrate the requirement into the i-tools framework for which they had funding - this made a lot of sense and the STSIT was supportive. However, funding lasted 6 months which was not enough time to fully develop i-tools nor integrate the recommended tools. Now GSD (formerly FSL) will likely be reassigned to assist with CONOPS software development while Raytheon/Keene assumes AWIPS (including GFE) responsibility. Raytheon/Keene is developing a new architecture for AWIPS during the OB 7-9 time frame. Of course the new Raytheon/Keene agreement is performance-based, not schedule based, so I've heard not to expect OB 9 (which represents any new changes submitted now) for an order of 3 years. In other words, it's going to be a long time.

In any case, the STSIT believes it to be a requirement that tools which perform critical grid editing techniques (such as extrapolation of features and real-time gridded verification) be included in baseline software. A reset in approach may be warranted, so I've been thinking OSIP is the way to proceed. The STSIT would be interested in the ISST's thoughts.

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Dave will start to approach the OSIP process for getting a method.

Bill will talk with Deidre Jones about how the new Raytheon contract will affect it.

2. RTMA Update (from Lee via email)

The RTMA latency will only be temporary while they try the new data window.

For AWIPS base lining, we must usually go through OSIP, then through SREC, and then probably through the contractor.

NESDIS is generating the ECA product consistently and are sending the product to their server. We are working with them to get the product sent to the TOC.

MDL informed is able to decode all RTMA products in the NDGD decoded except for the ECA product at this time. MDL knows the AOR IWT is working with NESDIS and SEC about decoding.

EMC has been getting feedback from the ISST, and other sources (e.g., John Horel) to continue to polish RTMA output.

3. DFP Paper

Greg: Where do we want to be? Part of the process is about where we want to go. We want to put some effort to see where we should be in two years. How about getting something done for a first draft by the July 5, 2006? Then we could talk about it on July 10, 2006.

4. Round Robin

Nothing

End of call.

(Next call is June 26, 2006.)