

Subject: Nominations for the National Smart Tools and Smart Initialization Team - due 3/5/2004

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As you know, IFPS and the NDFD represent a significant paradigm shift for field operations. Recently, the Eastern Region requested the formation of a national team to address issues related to Smart Tools and Smart Initialization Techniques used in IFPS. All Regions, the IFPS Science Steering Team (ISST), FSL, and the IFPS Training Team have endorsed the formation of such a team. I have attached the memo and background paper that Eastern Region submitted requesting the formation of this team. These documents contain details on what this new team would be tasked to accomplish.

To that end, we are establishing the Smart Tools and Smart Initialization Techniques Team (STSITT) made up of Field, Regional, development lab, and modeling experts to address these issues. The emphasis added on the word "experts" is designed to communicate that we would like to assemble a small team of people who really understand the technical and science issues involved in using Smart Tools and Smart Initialization Techniques. The STSITT will report to the ISST on a quarterly basis.

With this email, I am inviting you to nominate experts for this team. Please nominate 1 or 2 people from your Region (at least one of which is from the Field) or organization (MDL, SEC, FSL, NCEP, OCWWS).

The team, once formed, will draft a charter (using the Eastern Region documents as a starting point) and begin work on these critical issues.

Please send the name(s) of expert(s) from your organization to me by March 5, 2004. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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