



## Interagency Interoperability Oversight Group



### Meeting Summary Notes Working Teleconference – February 15, 2011

**Attendance:** Kirk Rowdabaugh (DOI OWFC), Jim Douglas (DOI), Carl Gossard (BLM), Kolleen Shelley (FS), Tim Lynn (FS LEI), Jimmie Porter (FS CIO), Tom Wordell (BLM IDIP), Laura Nance (FS CTO), Bob Kuhn (FS FAM), Vicki Christenson (FS FAM), Dana Watts (FS CIO), Carroll Alexander (NPS), Kim Thorsen (DOI), Ken Taylor (FWS), Tim Quinn (DOI OCIO), Matt Cnudde (FS FAM / NWCG)

DOI Initiatives – Jim gave an overview of the OCIO initiatives in the DOI and stated that DOI CIO There is a similar initiative in the works in the DOI regarding the radio systems. The information on this is nearly ready and likely will become available sometime next week. Bernie Mazer has been talking with USDA CIO Chris Smith to ensure coordination and cooperation, governance, structure, etc. Topics include IT projects but ensures that initiatives such as the IDIP and IIOG efforts are worked into the planning. In a few more weeks there will be information and Jim said he was not sure what might happen to the structure of IIOG.

Kim Thorsen built on what Jim said adding that folks need to understand that these efforts are focused on continuing and building upon / improving the IIOG efforts. The difference is that the IIOG has been very effective it was a “grassroots” effort, and fantastic things have been accomplished. Instead the enhanced direction is for a much more coordinated manner of operations leading to even better things.

**IIOG Portfolio (see 2011.02.15 Dashboard.pdf)** – Kolleen gave an overview of the status of the various IIOG projects. Highlights included:

**IDIP – IDOPP** - Tom Wordell and Jim provided additional information on these efforts. The charter is signed; the project plan completed, approved and signed. There is one pilot encompassing two different geographic areas; California and the Southwest (NM and AZ and the western part of TX). There is strong commitment from leadership, exceptional talent on the bridge team which includes line officers and overall leadership from Mike Dudley. There are high hopes for templates and tools to optimize dispatch in all areas of the country.

**Central Oregon Interagency Integrated Radio Project** – Project is moving ahead; check point 1 meeting scheduled for 2/25 in Bend, Oregon. Any member who would like to have a copy of the report or be included in the meeting should contact Kolleen vs sending everyone the information and clogging up the inboxes. **IMPORTANT:** Kolleen and Steve Bowes from FS CIO have been filling the “Project Manager” role for this effort since one was not hired. However, when it comes time to install the system, there will be a need for a fully dedicated PM to manage this effort. The FS has one who is experienced in telecommunications but in order to use him for this project, funding would need to be made available to fill behind him to cover the other work he has been doing for the FS. Jim emphasized the need for DOI to find this money and that this will benefit everyone and is a cornerstone piece to the future in DOI / FS Radio interoperability efforts.

**Helpdesk Ticket Escalation** – Project lead, Dana Watts shared her proposal to place a stop-gap measure in this effort to ensure this support is available before fire season. The project has not kept up to pace partly due to changing roles in the BLM and availability of various SME's in light of the work they have to do on a daily basis. The group is fine with this as written, so long as we ensure that the BLM is in agreement. (See 2011.02.15 Helpdesk Detour Proposal.docx).

- **ACTION:** Dana and Kolleen will talk with Steve Zelczak to ensure BLM is in support of the proposal and report back to IIOG.

**Interagency Radio Systems Study (IRSS), Facilities / Towers, Analog to Digital Migration, RoIP Strategy** – All of these items have been on hold due to lack of funding for IRA support. However, in light of the various initiatives in the DOI and the Central Oregon Interagency Integrated Radio Pilot Project, may in fact resolve several of these items and provide a path forward.

**Secretary Level Endorsement and Revision of IIOG Charter** – It will become clear how to handle these items once additional information from the DOI becomes available.

Service First 1IT – Ongoing Tasks – These items may well be resolved in part as the DOI does several things including their efforts to “flatten the network”, circuit consolidation and standardization between Bureaus become a reality. Tim Quinn added that the DOI is looking to standardize video teleconferencing capability between Bureaus. Tim will ask Gil Wake to contact our team.

- **ACTION:** Kolleen to find the lead for VTC and supply the name to Tim Quinn.
- **ACTION:** Tim will work with that individual to ensure that DOI and USDA efforts are complimentary.

**Sharepoint** – Currently access to Sharepoint on an interagency basis is limited if it exists at all. USDA is working to standardize Sharepoint amongst all agencies. Once that is completed, there will be two external cloud services available through Microsoft. Collin Watts is the lead for FS and is tied to Department efforts.

- **ACTION:** Tim will ask Rick Delph to contact Collin Watts.
- **ACTION:** Kolleen will brief Collin Watts on this discussion and learn what he knows about the future of Sharepoint.

**Closeout** – Next phone meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> which will allow enough time to prepare a briefing on DOI activities for the group.

- **ACTION:** Kolleen to outreach to members to ensure that they are aware that this meeting will happen.

April 13<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled IIOG Quarterly meeting, planned for Washington, DC. Ken Taylor asked about the summer field meeting dates. Travel will be July 31, meetings August 1-5. Kolleen reminded the group that they need to be thinking about where to go and what they want to see. Need this decided upon during the April meeting so that there is enough time to adequately plan for the trip.