



Interagency Interoperability Oversight Group



Meeting Summary Notes May 26, 2011

Attendance: Jim Douglas (DOI/Chair), Jerry Black (FS CIO), David Ferrell (FS LEI), Tim Lynn (FS LEI), Kirk Rowdabaugh (DOI OWFC), Shane Compton (NPS), Kim Thorsen (DOI/LEI, OWFC), Bernie Mazer (DOI CIO), Vickie Christensen (FS FAM). **Phone:** Mike VanDermyden (BIA), Jimmie Porter (FS Radio), Simon Strickland (FS Radio). **Absent:** USDA CIO, BLM CIO, FWS CIO

Re-Chartering and Configuration of IIOG – Jim reviewed the last meeting and followed the PowerPoint presentation which is included as an attachment to this summary. The group re-emphasized that IIOG currently is focusing on three primary areas; Access Authentication / ICAM and Credentials MOU Implementation; Radio and Dispatch. These categories reflect the business area member representatives.

The group discussed the proposed new structure of the IIOG, addressing how the structure and membership categories might be defined and specifics of the membership types needed. The document is currently in the form of a Secretarial MOU but that could change; the emphasis needs to be on the content of the document

Several issues arose during the discussion, including:

- One of the big issues has been consistency in attendance. There has been either no participation or rotating participation by a series of alternates which slows continuity and progress. The key to success of IIOG or the newly chartered IIOG is required and continuity of attendance.
- Finding the right balance of membership between Interior and USDA/Forest Service, recognizing that there are multiple DOI bureau participants that often overwhelm FS participation in groups like this.
- Ensuring there is a strong “business case” for the MOU; What does success look like? Answering the “so what” question.
- Role and membership of the proposed Senior Working Group
- Placing Dispatch governance within the purview of the Senior Working Group rather than as a separate group; how would field-based line officer interests be represented?
- Establishing standing working committees for such topics as interoperability/interconnection, radio, and dispatch.
- How to ensure adequate, ongoing funding? Consider establishing an upfront budget each year that the Senior Working Group would allocate against projects and activities.

ACTION: Membership will review the draft MOU and provide specific edits to Jim. **DUE:** June 10th. (**NOTE:** be sure to send directly to Jim, not to Kolleen).

ACTION: Jim will draft a revision of the charter proposed based on member input through these discussions and distribute.

Portfolio Updates

Central Oregon Radio – The contractor is preparing the deliverables for Checkpoint 2 which includes possible options for the radio system to meet the business needs described through various listening sessions held in December 2011. Kolleen will distribute to members of the IIOG, technical advisors, and local agency officials. The contractors will be meeting with IIOG representatives, OR BLM CIO, FS Radio Program, BIA, local line Officers and lead points of contact for the business areas on **July 26** in Redmond, Oregon. That group will then meet on **July 27 & 28** in Redmond to evaluate the contractor's options and develop an analysis for the IIOG and agency management. Subsequently the IIOG will meet to review that analysis and determine how to best proceed (including engaging agency leadership as necessary).

ACTION: RSVP to invitation to attend the briefing and discussions in Redmond in July. Kolleen has already distributed meeting information. If you have any questions, please contact her.

ACTION: Next IIOG meeting on **AUGUST 11** will be held to discuss the results of the July contractor briefing, the analysis of those in attendance, and prepare a response back to the contractor. At this time please reserve the day, though the meeting is not likely to last that long.

Access Authentication –The interagency project team will be meeting in the next few weeks to determine which authentication parameters will be exchanged, the format and schedule. The FS continues its efforts to migrate to EEMS; and is working on a separate internal project that will facilitate separating DOI employees from all non-FS employees. Jason Swegle from DOI is working on access to intranet applications.

MOU for Credentials Implementation Status – There is a joint letter being drafted by June Hartley, Kolleen and Jason Swegle to provide information and direction to IT staff at USDA, DOI and FS to implement and cites specific problems that need to be resolved. The letter also establishes some timelines and information for customer consumption. Next the letter will go to USDA and the FS for review to ensure consistency. The team will also draft two sets of FAQ's for the IIOG website; one for IT professional consumption and one for customer consumption.

Printer Sharing Charter – This is not necessary. June and Jason will work to help Kolleen get this resolved at DOI and assist at FS with a risk acceptance memo for signature by CIOs.

2011-005 Briefing – USDA is preparing a letter similar to what DOI has already published. The IIOG will need to charter a project for long-term resolution of this issue.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2011 – Washington, DC.

Agenda Items Include:

1. Central Oregon project
2. Next steps on Secretarial MOU

Attachments

1. May 26, 2011 IIOG PowerPoint slides
2. Draft Secretarial MOU