

Resource Order and Status System (ROSS)
Change Management Board
Conference Call Notes
October 28, 2004

Attendees:

Dave Hart, Dave Hendren, Kathy Miles, Cheryl Fox, Ray Nelson, Grant Kemp,
Jon Skeels, Rod Chaffee
Beth Mason on days off.

Agenda:

Time (Mountain)	Topic	Who
1000 – 1005	Roll Call, Agenda Review	Rod C.
1005 – 1030	Project update; 2.2 Testing FY05 Investment Segment Funding CB Process Update	Jon S.
1030 – 1045	04 Suggestion review	Rod C.
1045 – 1130	FY07 IS Items Update: Are they still valid? Is there another to be considered?	All
1130 - 1145	Coordinator Meeting Briefing topic : Change Board Update. FY07 IS	Jon S.
1145 – 1200	Final questions	All

Additional Agenda Items:

Next Meeting / Conference call - Dave H.
Feed back from this past season. – Ray N.
Dave Hart’s position on Change Board - Grant K.

Jon – Project Update;

Version 2.2 testing is well underway with good progress. About 60 % complete and on schedule to meet the deployment date for the third week of Dec.

With the new monitoring and tuning tools being implemented with 2.2 a noticeable improvement in performance can be expected.

Version 2.2 will emphasize data cleanup functionality so dispatch offices will be able to complete their own data maintenance this year. Users will be able to delete, restore merge, administration items like locations, aviation hazards, airports, & organizations. Other items in 2.2 are combining the person and resource item screen, addition of place up and direct ordering processes.

Implementing the first phase of new security requirements and removing the ability to set your own selection area are other items for 2.2.

Jon – Project update con't;

A full listing and description of the Version 2.2 items will be posted on the ROSS website in about 2 weeks.

The training group is developing advanced data managers course and plan to offer to those data administrators already experienced with ROSS. There will be 9-10 sessions, planning 1 for each GA.

Version 2.3 in the development stage, with deployment scheduled for May 2005.

Included with this release is;

Second phase of mandatory security requirements, i.e system check for password expiration. The ability to request and fill supplies. Merge, complex, transfer incidents, status by group, message board, multiple reassigning.

Change in the catalog function, utilizing an “alias” for certain items., This should help in cleaning up the accuracy of the reporting issues.

ROSS Maps sometime between version 2.2 and 2.3. Not associated with a particular version. (USGS and the current GEO Map)

? from Ray;

2.2 performance tuning, any other news about network issues?

Jon;

FS implementing new network management – servers – remote management. Heading toward the enterprise architect. Continue to raise issue with network managers, have invited them to coordinator meeting to discuss first hand.

Update Con't;

New reports foundation is being look at to replace BRIO, Oracle reports.

? from Kathy M.;

When will the new repots software be available?

Jon;

Sometime before next season.

? from Ray;

When will the local catalog be available for use.

Jon;

Is ready now, NWCG has requested not to turn on to maintain control of items being listed.

Update Con't;

New hardware being added, additional 8 processors to the current clusters, load testing for 2400 simultaneous commits.

This years activity in ROSS was about 75% of 2003. Had great positive feedback from field this year on new changes to ROSS and performance.

Change Board Process update;

Information Technology world changing, moving toward the enterprise architect platform. NWCG suggesting more oversight to the CB process, establishing a CB steering

committee before going to IRM working team for approval then direct to the management agency and not going to NWCG for funding.

Calif Wildfire Coord. Group (CWCG) has requested (letter submitted) to the NWCG for two (2) permanent CA position in addition to the current CB configuration. Decision is pending.

Kathy comment;

Good thing with CA positions.

Change Board Process update con't;

FY05 Investment Segments were fully funded but waiting for the current continuing resolution to end before we see any \$'s. Will get those items scheduled then.

Tactical Aviation, Contract, Improve IQCS Interface.

All FY06 IS have been submitted, waiting to see if they (Investment Review Board) request a prioritization.

The use of the data delivery system is increasing all the time. Some folks are developing standard reports for their areas using MS Access. Thought is to post those on a bulletin board to share with others. Should be a topic at the Intel meeting next week. (Nov 1 – 3)

An announcement for the advanced data administration course will be out later next month.

? form Kathy;

Who is the target audience for the Advanced administration course?

Jon;

Any interested current Data Administrator interested in resolving issues within their geographic area.

Review of received suggestions; (These were mailed to board member prior to call for review)

Rod C.

From the time period of June 04 to October 04 there has been approximately 20 suggestions received. All have been replied too.

The majority of these were issues with reports or acquiring information from ROSS. The response I sent to them direct them to the data delivery file on the ROSS website or forwarded the report suggestion on for resolution at Lockheed. A couple of suggestion were actual "bugs" in the system and were documented as such.

One suggestion may have merit but will need confirmation from the National Coord. Suggest having a direct interface with ROSS and IQCS to fill assignment history into IQCS from ROSS. This is to eliminate the need of running a ROSS report, then hand entering that information into IQCS. One concern is that the individual doesn't always do what they were requested for, .i.e. requested as a division supervisor and isn't need when they arrive, so does a helicopter manager job with out the reassignment documentation. Needs presented at the Coord Mtg in Dec. Decision would then determine if added item to FY07 investment segments list.

FY07 Investment Segment Review;

Rod and all;

Are the items identified in May still valid? Agreed they were.

They will be presented during the briefing of the coordinators in Dec.

Grant Kemp will do briefing, Rod and Grant to develop.

General Items for discussion;

Resource Order print out.

Various response from the field this year, some what more, some want less, some what it all, discussion on real estate issue with the current size of the form. Some are confused with the M and D in date/time.

Discussion on the need for the information on the form or the format of the form.

Consider a proposal to the coordinators to have the information printed by functional area, i.e. Overhead would have certain information which would be different than aircraft request information. Can it be portrait vs landscape if the information is there?

Dave Hart to develop proposal.. May be tasked to Dispatch Efficiency Work (DEW) Group.

Kathy; Good response from her area on the new RO print out, they all seemed to like it.

Network issues still a topic for the Northern Rockies Area. Continuing to emphasize the need to have ROSS down to the BIA unit level.

Will need to discuss with Nat'l Coordinator on Dave Hart's replacement for the board since he is now at geographic level vacating a local level position.

Next meeting set for the week of Feb 21, 2005. Location to be determined at a later date.