



Main Point: Status update on the development of the e-ISuite application.

Background: In 2006, NWCG chartered the Incident Business Automation (IBA) Project with developing and implementing a web-based incident business application to replace the current stand-alone I-Suite system. NWCG stated in the Charter that the focus area and business need for this project were to provide an Enterprise level application that can be accessed via web browser; to utilize updated technology to replace the current client based application; to provide increased security; and to provide further scalability and widespread interagency use.

This web-based application is known as e-ISuite. The initial version of e-ISuite will include all functionality in I-Suite with the exception of Injury/Illness and Supply, which will be included in a future release. The IBA Project Team is exploring options to provide a way to continue using these modules in the interim. More information will be provided.

Key Benefits:

- Ability to track incident costs from initial response through close-out
- Upward reporting capability for one or more incidents across the country
- Integration with other systems
- Increased security

Current status: Development of e-ISuite has been divided into two phases, and each phase divided into increments. Phase 1 contains 5 increments, with business requirements base-lined for all increments. User Acceptance Testing indicated that some changes needed to be made to the user interface to simplify the use of the application. Re-design is taking place and, despite these changes, the original scheduled deployment date of June 2013 is still in effect. Scenario testing for Phase 1 will be scheduled when these changes are complete and will involve employees of the NWCG affiliated agencies.

Phase 2 business requirements have been completed for Increments 6 – 8. The Project Team has begun documenting requirements for Increments 9 and 10 and work will begin on Increments 11 through 13 over the next few months.

Future Activities: Design and development of Phase 2 is scheduled to be completed in January 2013. Field testing of the application on actual incidents will be conducted during the early field season of 2013. Any software issues or change requests as a result of field testing will be prioritized and implemented during that time, as approved.

Training is projected to begin in May 2013. Training will be a very large undertaking for which each agency's Incident Business person has been preparing. The IBA Project Team is working with the NWCG Incident Business Committee (IBC) to assist the agencies with an e-ISuite implementation plan that includes an approach to training. The IBA Project Team appreciates the efforts of the IBC, and will welcome any assistance the NWCG Executive Board and affiliate members can offer.

- **e-ISuite system roll-out into production is scheduled for June through October 2013.**

Upcoming meetings / outreach activities:

- February – April 2012 – Presentations at IMT meetings and agency meetings (as budgets permit)
- Continue with Quarterly issues of our IBA Newsletter
- Outreach to Managers and other Stakeholders through Briefing Papers such as this
- Information will be posted on the e-ISuite webpage (<http://iba.nwcg.gov/eISuite/eISuite.htm>)

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