Project development delays have occurred which resulted in a need to modify the 2014 e-ISuite Implementation/Train-the-Trainer dates. The original dates for Implementation (May/June) and Train-the-Trainer sessions (March/April) have changed. The new timelines are as follows:

1. Incident Field Testing beginning April 2014
   - Site will be the emphasis for Field Testing with the use of Enterprise as opportunities are presented
   - Initially during Field Testing, e-ISuite will be used parallel with I-Suite by field testing team members
     - Goal at the end of the season is that e-ISuite will be functional for primary use on an incident
   - IMTs will be contacted to encourage hosting field test personnel
   - e-ISuite Project will provide:
     - Hardware and networking equipment
     - Salary and travel for personnel
   - Support needed from the incident:
     - Work space
     - Camp space
     - Logistical support including meals and showers

2. Train-the-Trainer Sessions October – November 2014
   - Information and details to be provided late Summer

3. Deployment tentatively scheduled for October/November 2014

4. Decommission I-Suite December 2015

The decision to delay implementation/training provides the Project Team necessary time to complete development, correct defects, and complete field testing. As a result, the following benefits are gained:

1. Allows time to conduct field tests on incidents which is critical for successful implementation
2. Users will be exposed to the application during field tests
3. Provides additional time to develop training materials and plan Train-the-Trainer Sessions
4. Provide training for the Interagency Incident Application (IIA) Helpdesk
5. Geographic Areas can include e-ISuite Training in their 2014/2015 Training Calendars
6. Users can train on-line for the 2015 Fire Season

By delaying implementation/training, a quality and high performing application will be released for the User Community.

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