

**MRIP Work Group Chairs Conference Call**  
**11/15/2007**

The call convened at 10:00AM. The following work group chairs were present: Kathy Knowlton, Linda Barker, Ron Salz, Beverly Sauls. Pres Pate and Rob Andrews were present representing the Operations Team (OT).

1. Bev Sauls asked for a website resource to facilitate review of the inventory document being produced by the For-Hire Work Group. Rob will get with Scott to set one up similar to the one being used by the DMWG.
2. Most of the discussion was about S&T comments on proposed projects. Pres asked that the comments not be distributed to other work group members to avoid possible confusion. However, final project proposals may be shared with all group members at the discretion of the group chairs.
3. Pres reviewed the process for project review and the anticipated schedule for ESC approval. Some projects may get approval within day or so of meeting if few comments. Others may have request for changes after OT review and pass along comments/evaluation to WG. Those would then go to OT again for re-evaluation, so their approval would take longer. Expect by late December, or earlier for those with no/few changes, to have good feel for what ESC will do. ESC will probably support OT's recommendations. Final approval by January 1.
4. There are several ways for funding of the projects to be handled. The most efficient is to work within existing contracts. Some could also be directed to regional programs such as FINs. A statement of work to prepare RFPs may be necessary for some projects.
5. Projects recommended for phased development could receive funding beyond the first phase if the OT recommends holding funds for subsequent phases in reserve.
6. Pres agreed that some work could begin on various proposed projects at the discretion of the group chairs provided the work will not entail any major expenses such as travel.
7. Rob requested that the work group chairs submit as soon as possible any anticipated budget needs, such as group meetings, that they anticipate may be necessary between now and the end of March.
8. Group chairs will send contact information for project representatives to Pres in case contacts are necessary during OT meeting. There will be no calls after 6PM EST.
9. Call ended at 11:05AM.

