

Updates on ACTION ITEMS from June 2009 Partners Meeting

ACTION: NWS will send out an email soliciting input for Partners on their preferred date for the January 2010 AMS Partners Meeting.

Update: Sent to Partners on 8/5/2009.

In the June meeting, we discussed the possibility of moving the January NWS Partners Meeting from the last day (Thursday) of the AMS Annual Meeting to the first day (Monday) of the meeting. Due to the availability of the NWS Director and availability of meeting facilities, this year's meeting will once again be held on Thursday morning.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: When it becomes public, NWS will share the NOAA annual guidance memorandum and other budgetary/acquisition information with Partners and will readdress w/Partners at AMS.

Update: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

The 2009 NOAA Annual Guidance Memorandum is now available at:

http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/PPI_Capabilities/Documents/AGMs/AGM_08-2009.pdf.

The document "commits NOAA to strengthening its core competencies in the following areas: high impact weather and water forecasts, managing ocean and coastal resources with an ecosystem-based approach, supporting coastal communities and economies, delivering information for safe, efficient, environmentally sound transportation, and operating and expanding the technical infrastructure that supports these missions."

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Bob Byrd (CFO) will follow up with Julie Campbell regarding the stimulus package funding and what NWS received.

Update: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

NOAA received a total of \$830 million in Fiscal Year 2009 ARRA funding. Of this total, NWS received \$7.4 million to accelerate NEXRAD Dual Polarization deployment and \$9.0 million for accelerating NWS construction projects, the focus being on accelerating Alaska Region (WSO Barrow and WSO Nome) employee housing projects.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: NWS will provide more continuous feedback to Partners.

Update: Status of action items sent to Partners in August, 2009 and November, 2009. Sending out draft agendas 1-2 months before meetings. Implemented new NWS Partners Email List. NWS will continue to use the list for partner updates and feedback.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Don Berchoff (OST) will provide information on S&T Roadmap objectives and associated timelines with priorities via website. Berchoff (OST) will also determine what can be shared regarding acquisition plans.

Update: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

The following letter from Don Berchoff, Director of the Office of Science and Technology (OST), provides an update on the progress of the S&T Roadmap and a link to the focus area plan summaries on the web. In terms of the acquisition plans, OST will prepare a briefing for the January Partners meeting that will outline all upcoming opportunities for acquisition work. Mesonet and NextGen are expected to be the two primary areas. The briefing will be in IIPS session 6B on Tuesday, January 19 at 1:45 p.m.

Dear NWS Partners:

At the June 25 Partners meeting, I presented an introduction to our NWS S&T Roadmap. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our progress and ask for your continued comments and feedback.

In the past few months, we have:

- *Developed the following draft S&T Roadmap Strategic themes:*
 - *Integrated observing and analysis system*
 - *Integrated, coupled environmental modeling*
 - *Next Generation Forecast and Decision Support System*
 - *4-D Weather Information Database*
 - *Transformed dissemination, communication and outreach capabilities*
 - *Incorporate social science strategies in research and operations*
- *Completed initial drafts of 22 Focus Area Plans that outline primary research thrusts and milestones to enable substantive science service and enabling capability improvements. Twenty-one of the focus areas are complete. Per your request, we have posted focus area plan summaries on the website <http://www.weather.gov/ost/s&troadmap>*
- *Gathered input and comments from stakeholders both within NOAA and in external community*
- *Established a mailbox for continuing stakeholder input at: nwsostroadmap "at" noaa.gov*

Over the next three months, we will draft a summary Capstone document. Our goal is to publish the roadmap sometime after the Annual AMS meeting.

We would sincerely appreciate your inputs and feedback as we continue to work through the roadmap development process through the mailbox address noted above. I look forward to reporting further progress at the AMS meeting in Atlanta during the IIPS session on Thursday and hope to find many of you there to continue the conversation.

*Warm regards,
Don Berchoff, Director
Office of Science and Technology*

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: NWS will establish follow up on business priorities and direction of Strategic Plan at January's AMS Partners Meeting.

Update: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

NWS is currently working closely with the NOAA's Office of Program Planning & Integration, who is developing NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP). The NWS Strategic Plan and NOAA's NGSP will be available for public review and comment in early 2010.

Your input is important as we move ahead with both plans. Please visit the NWS Strategic Plan Web page at www.weather.gov/news/stratplan to post your comments.

NOAA also invites you to participate in a National Stakeholder Forum, being held on December 2 in Washington, D.C., to provide input into the NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan. Please visit www.noaa.gov/ngsp for more information.

We look forward to seeing your comments as we continue to deliver our shared mission of protecting lives.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Investigate where and in what format the raw data that creates the tropical cyclone hazard graphics is and how it can be shared with our Partners.

Update #1: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

The national Tropical Cyclone Hazards Graphics Team will meet in November and consider the **request for raw data that creates the tropical cyclone hazard graphic**, along with other possible improvements and changes suggested by other users and our WFOs, based on the 2009 hurricane season. The Team will brief the 2009 NOAA Hurricane Conference (Dec 1-4, 2009) where decisions will be made on how to proceed for the 2010 hurricane season.

This request was discussed at the Oct 27, 2009 meeting of the Tropical Cyclone Hazards Graphics Team. It will be discussed again at the 2009 NOAA Hurricane Conference in December, and weighed against other possible enhancements/changes to the graphics suite. It

must be emphasized that the graphics are currently experimental. If the team votes to accommodate this request, the requirements for the project will be updated/expanded in 2010.

Update #2: At AMS Partners meeting (1-21-2010).

- CIO has agreed to post the netCDF files to the national web page for the 2010 season, located at: <http://www.weather.gov/ghls>
- During 2010 the team will look into possibly moving the tropical cyclone hazards graphics into the NDFD as experimental elements at some point in the future. The current project scope does not produce grids compatible with the NDFD.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Investigate possibility of Partners being invited to NWS regional user workshops and/or collaborative meetings.

Update: At AMS Partners meeting (1-21-2010).

NWS Regional Directors encouraged to, whenever possible and as appropriate, include our Partners in meetings and workshops.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Involve Partners in Next Generation Warning Tool (NGWT) sub team meetings to deal w/text and graphics on output for our products.

Update: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

The NGWT Three Day Workshop (October 27-29, 2009) in Boulder, Colorado, is underway.

The workshop includes 12 Partners. Partners represented at the workshop include:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Harris County, Texas, Emergency Management
- Kiowa County, Kansas, Emergency Management
- AccuWeather
- WDAF-TV Kansas City
- Sheridan County, Montana, Department of Emergency Services
- Hydrologic Warning Council
- Boulder, Colorado, Emergency Management
- Ontario County, New York, Emergency Management
- Stormwater Engineers from Fort Collins, Colorado
- Social Science Woven into Meteorology (SSWIM)/Oklahoma University
- Environment Canada

Follow-on development of text and graphic output will involve Partners. New products and services will have an experimental phase for user/partner feedback. More information on the workshop can be found at http://fxa.noaa.gov/NGWT/NGWT_Workshop.html

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: NWS solicit comments from Partners on number of counties in warning, size of warning (product).

Update: Sent to Partners on 11/2/2009.

The draft wording in NWS Directive 10-511 (for Tornado Warnings and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings) is "WFOs should limit the number of counties/parishes in a warning to 12 or less." This change was based, in part, on feedback at the June 2009 Partners Meeting. The NWS anticipates that 10-511 will be released in February, 2010.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Explore having virtual participation by Partners at future meetings.

Update: At AMS Partners meeting (1-21-2010).

We are planning our first virtual Partners meeting on February 10, 2010. It will be a single topic meeting pertaining to bullet format WSW/NPW products. NWS will continue to explore additional opportunities for virtual meetings and encourages Partners to suggest future topics.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Partner w/other organizations' meetings to increase the numbers of participants (e.g. the AMS Partners meeting in spring/fall).

Update: At AMS Partners meeting (1-21-2010).

Currently present at AMS Broadcasters Conference. NWS will continue to explore additional opportunities.

Status: Completed and Closed

ACTION: Provide updates on action items as they occur.

Update: Status of action items sent to Partners in August, 2009 and November, 2009. Update on action items at January, 2010 Partners Meeting at AMS. NWS will continue to provide updates on action items as they occur via the Partners email list and Partners website.

Status – Completed and Closed