



DIS Program Office Update

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Briefing Topics

1. Applications Activities
2. Systems Activities
3. Network and IT Security Update
4. USGS IT Reorganization Status

1. Applications Activities

- **Inhouse S-Plus Training available**
 - <http://www.qvarsa.er.usgs.gov/splus/training.html>
 - 14 sites have participated so far
 - Interested? Contact Joyce Solomon of the DIS Program Office (jsolomon, (703-648-5606)).
- **Electronic Form Templates**
 - Templates developed in FrameMaker and Acrobat (PDF), Lotus Notes®, Microsoft® Word, and Excel
 - http://www.qvarsa.er.usgs.gov/forms/form_listing.html

2. Systems Activities

- **Microsoft Active Directory (AD).**
 - Windows 2000 Server AD is an upgrade to NT 4.0.
 - NT 4.0 will be supported by MS at no charge through December 2002.
 - January 1, 2004 Pay-per-incident and Premier support for NT will no longer be available.
 - January 1, 2005 Online support for NT will no longer be available.

2. Systems Activities (cont.)

- Lighthouse team revising cost estimate based on increased number of AD servers.
- Two WRD offices have migrated to AD in individual domains. Several Offices are planning to migrate.
- Other WRD offices are in the planning stage
- GIOLT action item to decide on a USGS single domain architecture or individual domains

2. Systems Activities (cont.)

- Sun Maintenance increased 40% this FY due to warranty expiration.
- Solaris 2.8 migration underway (shipped 12/01).
- NWIS 4.2 requires Solaris 2.8.
- Sun TAC Support for Solaris 2.6 to be discontinued. Date to be determined.

3. Network and IT Security

- Estimated FY02 Telecommunication cost increased 11% over FY01.
- Major centers are the next firewall challenge for WRD.
- Symantec Desktop Firewall shipped February 2002.

4. USGS IT Reorganization Status

- Responsibility for bureau-wide IT services shifting to GIO.
- Discipline-specific IT services remain with the disciplines.

4. USGS IT Reorganization Status (cont.)

- Regional offices will serve as operational arm of the GIO for bureau-wide IT services.
- Eastern Region will establish IT operations organization.

4. USGS IT Reorganization

Status (cont.)

- Bureau-wide IT Functions/Skills Team recommended organization and staffing levels for GIO/CTO Office and Regional IT services.
- Organization changes underway.
 - Several DIS employees detailed.
- DIS leading a GIO Tiger Team on USGS IT Help Desk improvements.

Questions?

