



Microsoft Windows 2000 Active Directory Service

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Briefing Topics

1. **Background of the Lighthouse Project**
2. **Status of the Lighthouse Project**
3. **Microsoft support – demise of NT 4.0**
4. **Available Active Directory options for WRD**

Background of the Lighthouse Project

➤ Timeline to start of project:

- January 2000 - Windows 2000 Investigation Team (WIT) formed
- May 2000 – Microsoft/Compaq present the Lighthouse Project
- August 2000 – Lighthouse project starts.

Background of the Lighthouse Project (continued)

➤ Lighthouse Team

- Multi-discipline team
- Variety of skills

➤ Lighthouse Team Vision

- IT infrastructure to facilitate exchange of ideas and data between disciplines
- Provide highly reliable Enterprise computing for all disciplines.

Background of the Lighthouse Project (continued)

- **Lighthouse Team Goal**
 - **To build the foundation for an integrated IT infrastructure for USGS.**
- **Lighthouse Project Implementation Approach**
 - **Phase 1 – Envisioning**
 - **Phase 2 – Planning**
 - **Phase 3 – Testing and Development**
 - **Phase 4 - Deployment**

Status of the Lighthouse Project

- **Lighthouse team submitted final report with recommendation to deploy Windows 2000 Active Directory**
- **Lighthouse project now halted in Phase 3 pending funding and implementation team.**

Microsoft Demise of NT 4.0

- **July 2002 - Windows NT 4.0 (Standard and Enterprise Edition) no longer available to resellers.**
- **July 2002 - Windows NT 4.0 (Standard, Enterprise Edition, Terminal Server Edition) no longer offered through direct OEM**
- **July 2003, All Windows NT 4.0 products discontinued from sale.**

Available Active Directory Options for WRD

- **Join the Bureau implementation of AD.**
- **Join with NMD and support AD with existing staff.**
- **WRD AD with support from existing staff.**
- **Do nothing (not recommended)**

Questions?

