



DIS Program Office Update

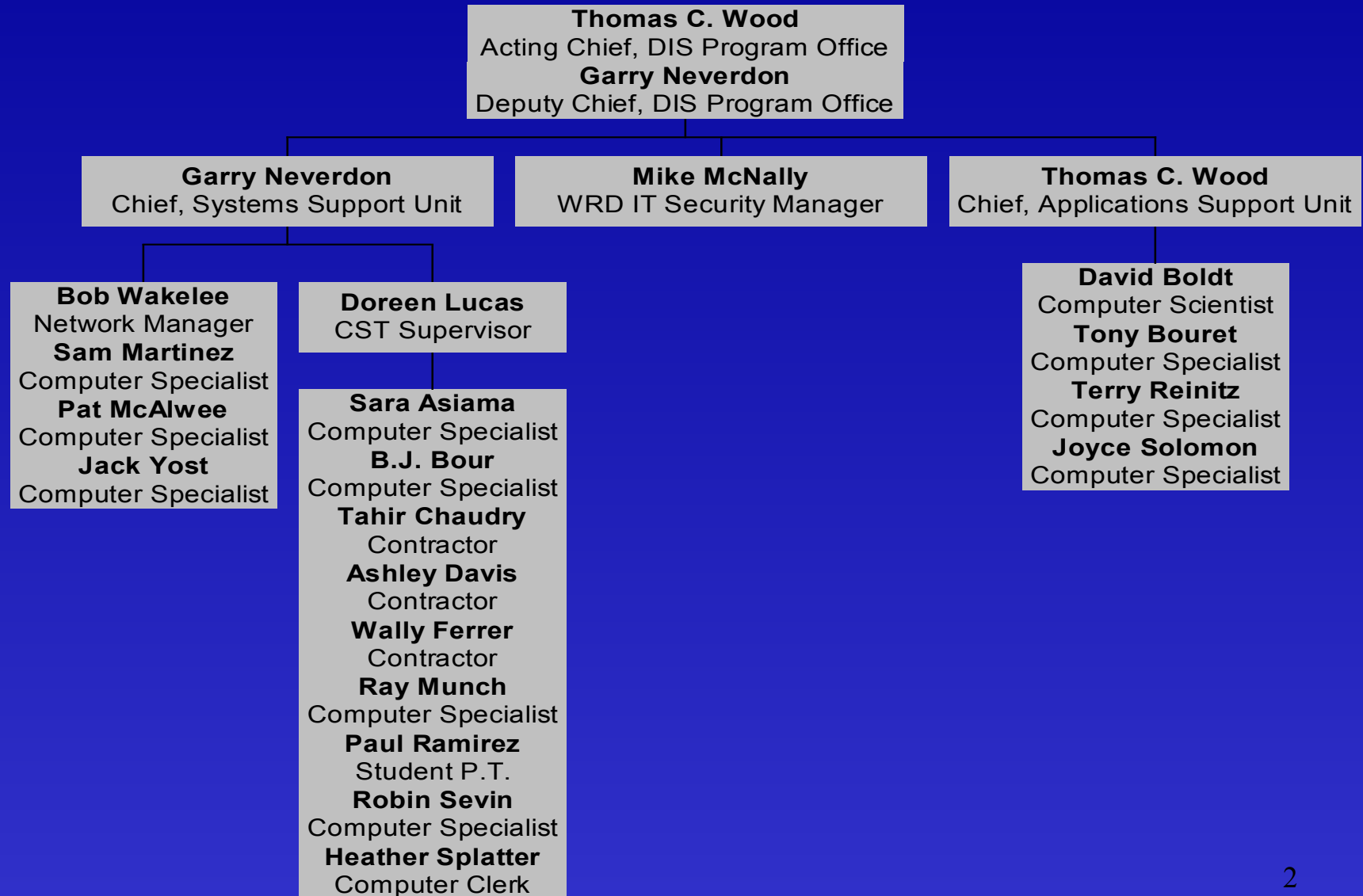
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Briefing Topics

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**
- **Charting Software Discussion on ITAC Agenda**
- **DOI Adobe Software Contract**
 - http://capp.water.usgs.gov/adobe_clp/
- **Electronic Form Templates**
 - http://wwwqvarsa.er.usgs.gov/forms/form_listing.html

2. Systems Activities

- **Microsoft Active Directory Discussion on ITAC agenda**
- **NT TAC preparing to support Win XP, Target June 2002**
- **Sun TAC released Sun Solaris 8 OS in December**
- **Sun Maintenance to increase 40%, DG Maintenance Ended**

3. Network and IT Security

- **Blockage of “Telnet” will Continue, cooperators can get/install ssh:**
 - http://water.usgs.gov/usgs_access/ssh/
- **Major centers are the next firewall challenge**
- **Norton AV for home users released**
- **Symantec Desktop Firewall for home users to be released soon**

4. USGS IT Reorganization Status

- **Responsibility for bureau-wide IT services will shift to GIO**
- **Responsibility for discipline-specific IT services will remain with the disciplines**
- **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 Reorg. Status (cont.)

- **Bureau-wide IT Functions/Skills Team recommended organization and staffing levels for GIO/CTO Office and Regional IT services**
- **Recommendations awaiting ELT approval**
- **DIS leading a GIO Tiger Team on USGS IT Help Desk improvements**