

Geotechnical FAC Conference Call

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Participants:

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1. This is our first meeting we introduced ourselves and backgrounds.
2. We need to compose a short mission statement. Glenn will make a draft and send around for comments.
3. A good conference for face-to-face meeting would be at the August 14-16 Structural/Geotechnical conference in Reno, NV.
4. Bill Rochford will try to get a Geotechnical listing and/or source from HQ site he knows. Next meeting we can each take a couple of districts to try and get a Geotechnical POC volunteer.
5. Travis is actually in instrumentation and will ask Pat Conroy if he has time to participate in his place. If not he will stay on the membership.
6. Briefly discussed some programs we are currently using. Travis is using the winidp instrumentation data program. Bill is working on putting together a boring log database. We will get a list together to put on the CKB web sit.
7. Paul Madison (not in attendance) is working on funding to upgrade InSitu, waiting on Bentley for some cost figures. Only 4 Districts now use InSitu. Besides the Corps, the Minnesota and North Carolina DOT's use the program. Minnesota and North Carolina use InSitu for 3-D modeling and are very happy with the program. The problem that we all face is InSitu is not being upgraded to run with the new Bentley software like SelectCAD, InRoads, and Microstation. Also concerned on old DOS programs and Windows 2000.
8. Described that the Structural FAC is putting MathCad templates on an ftp site to share information.
9. The Corps Usenet Server (nntp.usace.army.mil) may be a good place to share information and it has a usace.geotechnical group. This sever is clean out frequently which may be a problem.