

Systems FAC Conference Call
2 April 2001

1. Swat Team in Jacksonville - A team of Systems FAC members went to Jacksonville District the week of March 26, 2001. The purpose was two fold. One, to assist Jacksonville District in completing their AEC Standards Implementation Plan and two, to train a "Swat Team" on how to assist districts with creating their own implementation plan. The team consisted on John Kincaid (Rock Island), Glen Kato (Seattle District), Steve Hutsell (Ft. Worth District), and Scott Flanagan (New England District). Representatives from the CADD/GIS Center were Steve Spangler, Ed Huell, and Toby Wilson. The event was hosted and coordinated by Debbie Solis of the Jacksonville District.

The first day consisted of 2 three-hour training sessions on the standards and the workspace plus a 1-hour executive overview of the standards for managers. These training sessions were put on by the Center. On day two, the morning was reserved for a workshop for technical CADD users. The intent was to bring together people from all disciplines to discuss workflows and identify processes that would need to be altered in order to implement the standards. The afternoon consisted of individual and small group interviews of those who had attended the training and/or the workshop. The third day was a half-day session for wrap up and closing discussion.

Jacksonville District will be sharing their Implementation Plan with anyone interested once it has been completed. Lessons learned from this workshop will also be incorporated into the final version of the Implementation Guide being put out by the Systems FAC. The SAC Group has funded two of these "Swat Team" training sessions. One civil district (Jacksonville) and one military district. [The test military district is still to be selected. If you are interested in having them come to your \(military\) district, please contact John Kincaid NLT 11 April 2001.](#) Once both training sessions have been completed, the Swat Team will be available to assist other districts at the districts expense.

2. AEC Conference in Chicago – Jean McGinn is setting up a corporate registration for USACE at this conference. This means that any person from the Corps of Engineers can attend the conference for free. Jean will also be looking in to seeing if refunds will be available for those who may have already registered at the "Early Bird" rate. The SAC and FAC chairs will be holding a meeting at the conference. There will probably be a meeting of the Systems FAC for those who are attending this conference, but please do not plan to go specifically for a Systems FAC meeting. There will be no SAC/FAC money available for attending the AEC Conference.
3. Doug Moat (Bentley) is trying to set up a User Summit for Corps of Engineers users in August. More information will be made available on this as it becomes available.

4. There has been some trouble communicating with the ckb server located at Wes. John Kincaid and Glen Kato will be working with Milton Richardson to try to resolve the (possible firewall) issue. In the meantime, if you have updates to your web sites up there, send the information to Glen and he will do the updates for you.
5. Architectural FAC – Stan Shirk (Chair) reported that the Architectural FAC met in Ft. Worth and as a result of that meeting have submitted 5 projects to the CADD/GIS Center for FY2002 funding.
6. Select Contract – John Kincaid has the final wording for the new Select Contract for Rock Island District. This is the version that allows for different tiers of Select Coverage. Once his legal department has signed off on the agreement, John will pass the information on to the rest of us. **Tasking: John will e-mail out the spreadsheet he used to help calculate the costs of the various tiers for his district.**
7. Glen Kato has been tasked with trying to form a Geotech FAC group. If you know of anybody in your district that would be a willing and active member of this group, please e-mail Glen the name.
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2001, 2:30 p.m. EST, (904) 232-1457.