

Systems FAC Conference Call
28 August 2001

1. Maintenance – A discussion was held on all the types of maintenance districts are getting. There are a lot of choices out there now for both hardware and software maintenance. Each district needs to evaluate all the options and make the best decision for them selves.

2. Louisville SWAT update – A SWAT team made up of Steve Spangler, Edward Huell, John Kincaid, Glen Kato, and Mary Diel visited Louisville District July 16-19, 2001 to provide assistance on their AEC Standards Implementation plan. The full report should be completed shortly. Ed Mathison reports that early indications are the trip was a success as it has generated interest in Louisville employees to start using the standards on a new project. Steve Spangler has written an article for the upcoming CADD Center Newsletter on the SWAT.

Two other districts (New York and Omaha) have shown interest in having a SWAT visit. John Kincaid is working with them to see if the details can be worked out.

3. A Systems FAC meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001 (8 am – 12 pm) in Philadelphia in conjunction with the BIUC. Please let John Kincaid know if you plan to attend.

4. MDL Updates: The Systems FAC has \$12,000 available to do some more updates on existing mdl's. The primary focus is to select around 12 mdl's to be updated for Microstation V8 compatibility. John Kincaid has sent out a list of 12 potential candidates. [Please take the time to prioritize this list \(including deleting from and adding to the list\) and send the list back to John. If you have more than 12, submit them anyway. There is the possibility that more money will be available next FY.](#) John will be getting quotes from both InStep and Bentley for doing the work.

5. V8 Discussion – V8 is scheduled to be released at BIUC next month. Inroads V8.3 (V8 compatible) should be ready a couple months after that. Most districts are taking a wait and see attitude with a couple looking to start using it right away on a couple of special projects. The main criteria for using it right away seems to be a need to use .dwg files on a project.

6. Workspace Update: Steve Spangler reports that he is getting ready to add the latest AEC Standards changes to the database and is expecting the latest workspace to be delivered in the next couple weeks. He is looking at a mid-September release and they new releases should be available at BIUC. Look for his news article in the latest CADD Center Update.

7. The Systems FAC plan for next FY is to continue working on and supporting existing projects (SWAT, Standards Implementation, Standards Practices Documentation, MDL updates). If you have any ideas for new projects, please submit them to John Kincaid.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, 8 am. EST @ BIUC.