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Systems Administrator Conference Call  
July 21, 1998, 10:00 CST

Announcements:

1. Jacksonville and Ft. Worth Districts now have Bentley certified instructors for Microstation.

There agreement with Bentley allows them to perform training for any corps office. For more information on how they got certified you can talk to Roger Porzig (Jacksonville) or Steve Hutsell (Ft. Worth).

2. It appears that Corps Districts can get a copy of the vectorization software VP Studios for the asking. Not details on why this is so, but a POC for the vendor is Stacey Brown, 619-676-9800.

For more details on the software and what it does: <http://www.vpmax.com>

Agenda:

1. Systems Survey - Kincaid

John proposed that he put the survey on the Corps Cadd web page (instead of sending out a CD) with password protection for each district. He will then distribute the passwords to the districts so that they can complete/update their information. This would keep the pages and information as current as the last time the districts updated their page. The proposal was unanimously approved.

John has sent a letter to the SAC requesting that the web server be moved from WES to Rock Island. This will make administration of the web server much easier.

2. Tri-Service AEC CADD Standards/Workspace Implementation Plan

Standards

Official Word is that the finalized standards will be posted on 31 July 1998. However, some have been told that 7/31/98 is the close of the comment period. Also, a meeting is/was supposed to be held in Atlanta between the prime contractor (BTG) and various corps representative at 60% completion to go over all the standards. That meeting has not tak

en place or been scheduled  
yet ... so who knows.

Roger Porzig has made a request to Steve Spangler that the finalized standards be made available on an ftp site for immediate download (when they are ready) so districts don't have to wait months for the hard copies (CD).

John Kincaid will ask Harold Smith to send a current schedule for the standards.

### Workspace

Bentley is a sub-contractor of the prime contractor and as of 20 July 1998 had not received official notice to proceed on the workspace from the prime. However, there is reason to believe the standards conversion tool is almost complete and that the workspace should be complete within days of the release of the finalized standards. A standards checker is also supposed to part of the workspace when it is delivered.

The Systems FAC has volunteered to set up a group to develop:

- a. a proposed Implementation Plan to provide guidance to districts on how to implement the standards.
- b. training classes on the standards and the workspace
- c. a letter to go (through the SAC) to headquarters responding to the recent directive by General Hunter to start implementing the standards immediately

If you are interested on working on any of these projects please contact John Kincaid immediately. A few districts volunteered during the teleconference. He is trying to get some funding for the work, but some of the work may need to be done before the funding is available.

### 3. EBS

Bentley and HMR visited the Ft. Worth and Rock Island Districts in order to get a better idea of what the corps is looking for with respect to EBS. Both districts showed them the current procedures for creating CALS files and putting together the EBS. They also described what features of the SourceView software they really liked and did not want

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to lose as well as what  
SourceView doesn't do.

By the end of August Bentley and HMR should have a report back saying  
how/if they can help  
use and how they propose to modify their viewer to meet our needs.

Hopefully, something similar can be set with Intergraph to see if they  
have any proposals.

4. Finally

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 1998 at 10:00 CST.