

Systems Administrator Conference Call
March 23, 1999, 10:00 CST

1. Cadd Knowledge Base Web Pages: <http://ckb.wes.army.mil/> Each FAC chair has control over their web page. We need a volunteer to be in charge of the Systems Page. If your district has a CADD web page and you would like a link to it from the ckb page, e-mail the link to John Kincaid and he will set it up. It is proposed that the ckb web page be open only to the Corps of Engineers and not the general public. Everyone agreed to that proposal.

2. Survey: John Kincaid will be calling District POC's to give them their login and password for updating the data in the Knowledge Base (CADD Survey). The POC can then hand out more accounts to others in their district.

3. Workspace: Roger Porzig has received sufficient credits from the district to move forward with the Workspace User Training. He is preparing a Letter to Proceed for Bentley. The training sites will be Los Angeles, Dallas, and Atlanta. We will need to provide sample drawings to incorporate into the training. We need a volunteer to coordinate that effort. A proposal was made to create a Multi-Media set of the training for those districts who will not be sending any one to training. That is something that may be done after the first training class is complete.

4. EBS: The Corps (Headquarters) has received a proposal from HMR to provide:

- a. Corps wide site license of Image Publisher -- unlimited licenses for the districts ... \$200,000 plus \$40,000/year maintenance.
- b. a custom Microstation application for one-step plotting to rasterized format suitable for EBS ... \$100,000.

Image Publisher is a product that creates folders of files (both text and raster) and publishes them with a royalty free viewer. It is a possible replacement of SourceView for EBS since it handles continuous tone raster better. It will plot to scale on HMR images and CALS images but won't plot to scale on other formats (i.e. tiff, jpeg). That problem is supposed to be fixed in Version 2.0. A downside of this product is that it will not read a tiff file created by IPlot/IRasC and the Intergraph Raster Offline Driver. The tiff file created by IPlot would need to be translated into another tiff format before being able to be loaded into Image Publisher. This is because the Offline Raster Driver uses a proprietary (although not their own) version of tiff that is not supported by too many others. We need to send Intergraph the message that we want a more universal tiff image from the offline driver. Ed Mathison is coordinating a meeting to be held in St. Louis on June 3, 1999 to discuss this and other EBS issues. If you are interested in attending, contact him for the details.

5. E-Mail addresses for all those mentioned in these minutes can be found at the Cadd Knowledge Base web page (<http://ckb.wes.army.mil/>) on the Systems FAC page.

5. Next meeting: April 20, 1999, 10:00 CST, Phone # (404) 562-4365.