

OPS/DOE/NIST/MMS Joint Inter-Agency Meeting Notes
February 19, 2004
Forrestal Building, Washington, DC

Attendees:

DOE/FE: Christopher Freitas, Rodney Anderson, and Rick baker
DOT/OPS: Jim Merritt and Bob Smith
DOC/NIST: Carol Hardwerker
DOI/MMS: Sharon Buffington and Michael Else
TLW: Ted Willke

2004 Joint Conference

Goals:

- Technical Conference
- Industry Involvement
- Agencies to describe regulatory issues
- Invite FERC
- Strategic Planning Outputs
- Vision – joint presentation
- Identify industry problem areas including policy
- Roll-out of revised 5-year plan

Agenda:

- OMB spokesperson – senior level
 - PART Champion
- Joint Presentation
- Keynote – high level
 - One from each (DOT, DOE, NIST, & MMS)
 - Address/identify issues
- Chairman of Transportation Committee
 - Future of natural gas
- Why are we here? Challenge
- Current Projects by agency
 - Vision and why?
 - Overview of all projects by each agency
- Strategic planning of path to commercialization or policy
- Roll-out of revised 5-year plan
- Next steps – calendar of events
- Joint press release

Invitees (~150):

- OMB
- DHS
- DOD
- GAO

- Press
- Selected Industry Leaders (GTI, AGA, PRCI, INGAA, etc)
- ASTM
- ANSI

Details:

- Mid-October 2004 in Washington, DC
- Hotel – DOT/DOE to pay
- One day in one large room (Tues, Weds, Thurs)
- NETL to coordinate
- GWU – auditorium

Coordination Meetings

- Quarterly – face to face in Washington DC
- Half-day meetings, tour in afternoon
- Host facilitates meeting
- May – NIST
- August – possibly NETL
- November – TBD
- February – TBD

Solicitations

- DOE
 - BBFA closed Feb 10, 2004 (20% min. cost share)
 - Lab Call planned for Sept/Oct 2004
 - '05 targeted solicitation in Oct/Nov 2004
 - '05 possible BBFA general solicitation
- OPS
 - BAA closes March 5, 2004 (once/year)
 - '04 targeted BAA – 50/50 cost share (contingent upon funding)
 - '05 BAA – earmarks mapping, leak detection, and encroachment (\$1.5M)
- NIST
 - '04 ATP – \$30 million; 50/50 cost share; once/year
 - materials and sensors
- MMS
 - BBA closed August 2003
 - '05 BBA in summer 2004 (\$200K for pipelines) for safety including drilling and decommissioning
 - Cooperative agreement with OTRC at Texas A&M
 - No SBIRS/grants

Joint Solicitations

- Joint pre-solicitation – white papers only
 - White papers reviewed by Agencies team (no industry)
 - Selected pre-proposals encouraged to respond to specific agency solicitations
 - NETL will issue the pre-solicitation announcement
- Agencies participate in proposal evaluations
- Each agency announces the pre-solicitation
- Late Sept/Oct
 - Open during annual meeting

Joint Events

- Everyone provide even inputs – late fall for calendar year
- Agency sponsored events
- OPS will coordinate annual list – email to Bob Smith
 - Distribute at annual agency meeting

Collaborations

- OPS/MMS - \$100K/year
- OPS/NIST - \$500K/year
- OPS/NETL - \$100K/year

Possible Collaborations

- OPS/DOE
 - Remote leak demo (Aug at RMOTC) - \$200K
 - Advanced sensor demo (Aug at Battelle) - \$30K
 - Annual meeting (50% OPS/50% DOE) - \$20K
 - In-kind
 - Mapping info
 - Proposal review
 - Copy group on test plan development

Joint Presentation

- Bob Smith to outline mission, vision, goals, drivers, program areas, etc
- OPS to draft presentation
- Agencies comment on drafts
- Links to PSIA and President's Management Agenda
- First Draft by May meeting

Program Peer Review - If Congress accepts 5-year plan, this denotes acceptance of the program approach

- Then use PSIA annual implementation activities as the annual peer review process (get GAO concurrence)
 - Example: Large-scale field tests
 - Have industry observers and participants provide formal feedback

Project Peer Review

- Standard feedback form
- Joint peer review of project occurs at proposal review
- Each agency will have their own contractors review meeting and invite others

Action Items

- DOE send memo on future work task to OPS
- OPS send email on common presentation, calendar items, and project peer review form
- Each agency give feedback on joint presentation process
- DOE send out minutes of meeting
- DOE initiate planning/hotel/costs for planning meeting
- Ted to provide info on GWU
- DOE to include group with demo plans
- Carol to host May meeting at NIST
- MMS to provide info about LNG to DOE