

Western Region Technology Transfer

Conference Call Minutes

February 20, 2007
Tuesday 1:30 PM (MDT)

National : MCRTT : ARTT

- a. Applied Science Cooperative Agreements for Fiscal Year 2007
 - December 15 – March 2 Proposals. The proposal application must be received by March 2, 2007.
 - March 30 First Review Complete (**WRTT Review/Ranking**)
 - April 30 Second Review Complete
 - May 15 OSM CLT Decision
 - July 1, 2007 Award Distribution

Notify Duane Matt at dmatt@osmre.gov or (303) 844-1400 x1421 by January 16th (next WRTT meeting) if you would like to be included in the proposal review and ranking process that will occur from March 2nd – March 30th. Last year there were 63 total proposals that required review and ranking.

The proposal deadline has passed. There are approximately 25 proposals for review and ranking. Those interested in participating in the ranking process should contact Duane Matt to get on the review list.

- b. Applied Science report on FY06 Montana Project (Tonya)

The FY06 Western Region project is nearing completion. The project which evaluates variables for successful re-vegetation should provide additional useful information for western states re-vegetation programs. The report, when finalized, will be distributed to the WRTT team.

WRTT

Annual WRTT Meeting (Salt Lake City: April 23-27): Approaching Bond Release

The Annual Meeting will be held in downtown Salt Lake City. Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown, 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, Hotel: 801-531-7500. A block of rooms has been reserved for OSM. The team and all other attendees need to make reservations prior to 3/24. We will begin the morning of Tuesday April 24th, and spend two full days in a conference room setting. The Annual Meeting will conclude with a field visit of nearby Kennecott Copper Mine the morning of Thursday April 26th.

The theme of the annual meeting will be how each state approaches bond release. Some states have voiced that they would like to tie mobile computing applications into how they process bond release applications. This advances an e-permitting component that the WRTT group has been working towards. Dianne Osborne and Billie Clark will also be joining.

This conference call focused on the content of technical presentations for the Annual WRTT conference. All conference call participants briefing explained their topic, or brainstormed with the group to develop and refine their topic. The information was captured on Salt Lake Conference agenda.

Conferences/Workshops/Forums

Feb 25-28: Joint SME/CMA Meeting - 109th National Western Mining Conference & Exhibition, Colorado Mining Association, & 136th Annual Meeting & Exhibit , Society for Mining Metallurgy & Exploration, Inc, Denver, CO

May 15-17: Northern Latitudes Mining Reclamation Workshop, Juneau, AK

June 2-7: American Society for Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) Conference, Gillette WY-- 30 Years of SMCRA and Beyond

June 18-22: ESRI 2007 User Conference, San Diego, CA

Technical Assistance & Training

- (1) GeoXT Training for Colorado Program
- Colorado Program found the focused training very beneficial.
- (2) Other needs? Potential need for an Advanced Mining Module? Team members will check with their staff to identify the extent of training needed.

Hardware & Software

- (1) TIPS software distributions. None.