

Here are updates to several actions from the June 2009 NWS Partners Meeting.

ACTION: Bob Byrd (CFO) will follow up with Julie Campbell regarding the **stimulus package funding and what NWS received**.

UPDATE: NOAA received a total of \$830 million in Fiscal Year 2009 ARRA funding. Of this total, NWS received \$7.4 million to accelerate NEXRAD Dual Polarization deployment and \$9.0 million for accelerating NWS construction projects, the focus being on accelerating Alaska Region (WSO Barrow and WSO Nome) employee housing projects.

ACTION: When it becomes public, NWS will share the **NOAA annual guidance memorandum** and other budgetary/acquisition information with partners and will readdress with partners at AMS.

UPDATE: The [2009 NOAA Annual Guidance Memorandum](#) is now available. The document "commits NOAA to strengthening its core competencies in the following areas: high impact weather and water forecasts, managing ocean and coastal resources with an ecosystem-based approach, supporting coastal communities and economies, delivering information for safe, efficient, environmentally sound transportation, and operating and expanding the technical infrastructure that supports these missions."

ACTION: Don Berchhoff (OST) will provide **information on S&T Roadmap** objectives and associated timelines with priorities via website. Berchhoff (OST) will also determine what can be shared regarding acquisition plans.

UPDATE: The following letter from Don Berchhoff, Director of the Office of Science and Technology (OST), provides an update on the progress of the S&T Roadmap and a link to the focus area plan summaries on the web. In terms of the acquisition plans, OST will prepare a briefing for the January Partners meeting that will outline all upcoming opportunities for acquisition work. Mesonet and NextGen are expected to be the two primary areas.

Dear NWS Partners:

At the June 25 Partners meeting, I presented an introduction to our NWS S&T Roadmap. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our progress and ask for your continued comments and feedback.

In the past few months, we have:

- Developed the following draft S&T Roadmap Strategic themes:

- Integrated observing and analysis system
 - Integrated, coupled environmental modeling
 - Next Generation Forecast and Decision Support System
 - 4-D Weather Information Database
 - Transformed dissemination, communication and outreach capabilities
 - Incorporate social science strategies in research and operations
- Completed initial drafts of 22 Focus Area Plans that outline primary research thrusts and milestones to enable substantive science service and enabling capability improvements. Twenty-one of the focus areas are complete. Per your request, we have posted focus area plan summaries on the website <http://www.weather.gov/ost/s&troadmap>
 - Gathered input and comments from stakeholders both within NOAA and in external community
 - Established a mailbox for continuing stakeholder input at: nwsostroadmap “at” noaa.gov

Over the next three months, we will draft a summary Capstone document. Our goal is to publish the roadmap sometime after the Annual AMS meeting.

We would sincerely appreciate your inputs and feedback as we continue to work through the roadmap development process through the mailbox address noted above. I look forward to reporting further progress at the AMS meeting in Atlanta during the IIPS session on Thursday and hope to find many of you there to continue the conversation.

Warm regards,
Don Berchhoff, Director
Office of Science and Technology

ACTION: NWS will establish **follow up on business priorities and direction of Strategic Plan** at January’s AMS Partners Meeting.

UPDATE: NWS is currently working closely with the NOAA’s Office of Program Planning & Integration, who is developing NOAA’s Next Generation Strategic Plan. The NWS Strategic Plan and NOAA’s Next Generation Strategic Plan will be available for public review and comment in early 2010.

Your input is important as we move ahead with both plans. Please visit the NWS Strategic Plan Web page at www.weather.gov/news/stratplan to post your comments. NOAA also invites you to participate in a National Stakeholder Forum, being held on December 2 in Washington, D.C., to provide input into the NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan. Please visit www.noaa.gov/ngsp for more information.

We look forward to seeing your comments as we continue to deliver our shared mission of protecting lives.

ACTION: The national Tropical Cyclone Hazards Graphics Team will meet in November and consider the **request for raw data that creates the tropical cyclone hazard graphic**, along with other possible improvements and changes suggested by other users and our WFOs, based on the 2009 hurricane season. The Team will brief the 2009 NOAA Hurricane Conference (Dec 1-4, 2009) where decisions will be made on how to proceed for the 2010 hurricane season.

UPDATE: This request was discussed at the Oct 27, 2009 meeting of the Tropical Cyclone Hazards Graphics Team. It will be discussed again at the 2009 NOAA Hurricane Conference in December, and weighed against other possible enhancements/changes to the graphics suite. It must be emphasized that the graphics are currently experimental. If the team votes to accommodate this request, the requirements for the project will be updated/expanded in 2010.

ACTION: Involve partners in Next Generation Warning Tool (NGWT) sub team meetings to deal w/text and graphics on output for our products.

UPDATE: The NGWT Three Day Workshop (October 27-29, 2009) in Boulder, Colorado, is underway. The workshop includes 12 Partners. Partners represented at the workshop include:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Harris County, Texas, Emergency Management
- Kiowa County, Kansas, Emergency Management
- AccuWeather
- WDAF-TV Kansas City
- Sheridan County, Montana, Department of Emergency Services
- Hydrologic Warning Council
- Boulder, Colorado, Emergency Management
- Ontario County, New York, Emergency Management
- Stormwater Engineers from Fort Collins, Colorado
- Social Science Woven into Meteorology (SSWIM)/Oklahoma University
- Environment Canada

Follow-on development of text and graphic output will involve partners. New products and services will have an experimental phase for user/partner feedback. More information on the workshop can be found at http://fxa.noaa.gov/NGWT/NGWT_Workshop.html

ACTION: NWS solicit comments from partners on **number of counties in warning, size of warning** (product).

UPDATE: The draft wording in NWS Directive 10-511 (for Tornado Warnings and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings) is "WFOs should limit the number of counties/parishes in a warning to 12 or less." The NWS anticipates that 10-511 will be released around January 31, 2010.