

Communications Task Team

Report to Executive Committee - July 19, 2006

Committee currently lists 10 members. Our last telephone conference was July 12.

Since the June 12 meeting, the Task Team has been working on the following:

1. The **Communications Plan** has been heavily revised. Here is the link: http://nbims.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=52 . Revisions add new tasks and reorganize task items into a hierarchy that relates to the 'Communications Task Team Charge'. (see next item).
2. The '**Communications Task Team Charge**' is a summary document created for each of the NBIMS task teams. It is used to summarize the responsibilities of a team and it will be provided to those who might wish to join the Committee and, in doing so, are asked to choose a task team. Here is the link for our current draft version of the 'CTT Charge': http://nbims.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=162 . The original came from the National CAD Standard project where the NCS CTT was primarily responsible for applications/technology.
3. Although a couple of team members have been busy supporting ExCom, we intentionally limited external communications development while the other groups were developing scope, content and deliverables that could be pushed out to the public. Although there are many questions that still await definitive answers, there is much more clarity and substance now and there are now definitely a number of tasks we need to address. These are roughly in order of priority and in the last conference call tasks were assigned to CCT members.
 - a. (CTT-201) **NBIMS Funding Prospectus**: The raw text has been written and the comments that are forthcoming have been received for now.

First, this text needs to be reformatted and pictures/graphics added to make it useful as a published fundraising document. The text of the document is organized into a series of answers to fundamental NBIMS issues/descriptions.

Second each of these sections needs to be polished a little and pushed out onto the listserv as an update to the community and hopefully a catalyst for discussion, response, etc. Here is the link on the Portal: http://nbims.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=109 .
 - b. (CTT-105) **New Press Release**: Charles Pankow Foundation support for development of the Pre-Cast Concrete portion of the NBIM Standard. This effort will provide the templates for other areas of interest to further portions of the standard. They have also agreed to fund an economic analysis of the benefits to their community. Earle Kennett has indicated that this may be finalized soon and, following that, PR can be released. Bob Miller will help with getting releases distributed.

- c. (CTT-104) **New Press Release:** The OGC OWS-4 testbed which includes a CAD/GIS/BIM component. The OGC release is here:
<<http://www.opengeospatial.org/press/?page=pressrelease&prid=251>>
Once the initial phase is complete (July 20?), the original release can probably be enhanced with updated information about BIM-related participation. Bob Miller will help with getting releases distributed.
 - d. (CTT-103) **New Press Release:** Acknowledge progress and buy-in from specific industry groups. Introduce candidates for December 06 publication. Will refer to NBIMS Contacts list. Bob Miller will help with getting releases distributed.
 - e. (TT-203) **Publishing of NBIMS Standards:** CCT is working with the ExCom and committee chairs to define the method by which certain concepts are negotiated in the Consensus Committee and, related to this, the methods by which NBIM Standards are reviewed/approved/published. This is probably a two-level process by which certain concepts which require conflict resolution are reviewed by a smaller, select Consensus Committee and the IDM standards are reviewed using a larger pool of resources. The larger pool is required because of the sheer volume of IDMs that will have to be considered. For both types of standards, a publishing method that is respected, sustainable and available to the community is required. The delivery method for NBIM Standards will likely be the NBIMS website (which is also being reworked currently, see next item) but there is another aspect; which is the involvement of professional associations, industry associations, publishers and research/educational institutions in expanding the influence of the basic standard through collateral activities such as case studies of applied uses, performance metrics, etc.
 - f. (CTT-502) **NBIMS web site:** Faith Junghans is coordinating with Dominique Fernandez on the new NIBS/NBIMS web pages. Some of the other tasks are associated with new website functionality too; ie: CTT-503, Listserv enrollment and committee lists; and CTT-506, Consensus Voting.
4. A preview of the BIM Resource Guide that will be published on the Whole Building Design Guide site (<http://www.wbdg.org/>) was distributed on the listserv. If you haven't looked it over here is the link on our Portal:
http://nbims.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=125 . Deke Smith, Alan Edgar and Dick Bilden worked on this.
 5. Reviewed the draft NBIMS Rules of Governance and provided comments.
 6. Now that NBIMS scope, process and products are somewhat better defined, the Committee will begin to investigate near-term publishing opportunities describing and elaborating on these, their relative value to NBIMS and Community needs and potential value. Examples of ad-hoc use of BIM tools and techniques are beginning to emerge and results are very positive within the context of individual project requirements and individual team communications. The challenge for NBIMS will be to demonstrate how

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publishing national standards leverages many individual experiences and brings additional value through collective knowledge.

Individual NBIMS Committee members continue to have one-to-one conversations, attend meetings and make presentations to industry and professional groups as available. However, general knowledge and understanding concerning NBIMS standards and intentions does not seem to have progressed too far beyond the NBIMS Committee leadership and active participants.



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