

Certification Requirements

- RAs are supportive of certification
- Want to make process as simple as possible – for both IOOS office, and for RAs (“Less is More”)
- Focus: should be meeting ICOOS Act requirements and in proportion to small size of program (RAs currently receive only \$1-2m a year)
- IOOS office has additional mechanisms available for management: 5-year proposal, annual work plans, cooperative agreement requirements, policies, Strategic Operations Plan
- Can increase requirements if program really increases in funding/scope

Current certification draft

- Detailed, complicated
- Addresses management issues that aren't required by law
- Data criteria not workable
- NFRA will submit alternative for a streamlined approach – focused on outcomes, not specific mandates that allow for regional flexibility
- Hope to work with IOOS office to craft revised criteria

National Synthesis of Regional Build-out Plans

PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

- Synthesize regional plans into a national vision
- Identify common products & services
- Define regional observing system needed to deliver these
- Learn where we can share and collaborate
- Highlight – and appreciate – regional diversity

Timeline for follow-up

- Dec 2 - corrections & revisions (v.1.1) on spreadsheets only on to H & L put into electronic in color & comment in cell with color.
- Dec 9 - H & L send revised spreadsheets to Suzanne
- Dec 16 - Revised outline for report to SC
- Dec 19-21 - SC call to discuss outline
- Dec 21 - JQ tries to find graphic help for report
- Jan 20 - First draft including outline of Executive Summary
- Jan 27 - Con Call to Discuss - SC? Open to interested parties?
- Feb 15 – handout document draft
- Feb 28/Mar - Use part of meeting to discuss final draft
- March 16 - Final Draft

Revisions for V 1.1

- USE ELECTRONIC VERSION
- Errors in #s of platforms & #s of FTEs
- Rethinking of #s based on discussion
- Calculate FTEs for O&M based on some template? Done for hf radar, not for others....? Who decide? Expert teams? When?CARD estimates not helpful
- Put webmaster in DMAC – but make sure it's culled out separately, put info mgr/communications in education/engagement; put product developers under product development;
- Review R&D, because several are product development; if you put ftes in R&D, can you mve them elsewhere? We will handle as group and develop a # that everyone can use.
- Capture the kinds of stations that are rolled up in broad categories (some are cost effectiveness, some may be more complicated)
- CARD estimates for O&M – Suzanne checked, not really helpful for support for platforms, could use better info.

How do we deal with #s

- A lot of commonalities. But big issue is #s: 2 RAs tend to be higher. Are the others too low?
- Options: go back and revise; or somehow deal with a common approach for the purpose of this common plan
- How do we represent regional diversity?
- Are these truly VW plans? We tried to give more boundaries, but hard to do?
- How do we synthesize into a national plan? Show that we ARE a network and not just 11 individual systems?
- Do we do an average, mean, median, mode, standard deviation?
- How do we deal with outliers?

Additional Action Items

- Develop national modeling plan
- Develop R&D vision/plan
- Identify top priorities for sensor tech \$\$

Working Outline

1. Background
2. Common user-driven priorities applicable to all regions-
Products/services to meet needs of each theme
Integrated/cross-cutting products
Outcomes and success measures
Examples region-specific priorities (e.g. in text boxes)
3. Components of synthesis —assets required to meet common needs
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