

ECOS Draft Notes

Organizational meeting of State/EPA council for environmental information management and technology leaders; Phoenix, AZ; December 10, 2008

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- Welcome and self-introductions
- Purpose of meeting: discuss and approve a Charter and a draft list of issues and topics
- Molly O. – original mission of the IMWG fulfilled but a need still exists to address emerging information technology issues
- What are other things that CIOs deal with? Need a forum for the exchange of policies, programs, ideas and experiences
- Security is huge with EPA and they want to find out what states are experiencing in dealing with security
- Privacy issues also are a focus at EPA – they are interested in state privacy policies
- Karen B. – how do you fund core infrastructure?
- How do you set up an IT shop that continuously involves all environmental program areas?
- How can folks reach into the water program to get them to share data, thus bringing them into the 21st century?

Charter changes

- Change type of document to: “Interim Governance Charter”
- Change title of document to: “Environmental Information Technology Leadership Council”
- *(additional changes, additions, deletions and revisions were made directly on the charter and are reflected in the revised interim charter)*

Issues and topics – the following may be appropriate for adding to the initial list...

- Electronic Records Management – becoming a records management agency; best practices; retention and purge policies; what not to do
- Implementing Web 2.0 – blogs; wikis; mash-ups
- Social networking technology – how to leverage My Space; You Tube et al
- IT consolidation in states as it affects EPA needs
- Mobile platforms
- Major EPA systems overview and where are the state-EPA ‘touch points’
- Search/navigation of environmental information – unstructured data stores
- How are federal and states agencies responding to public disclosure; e-discovery; and FOIA
- Continuity of government and planning – process recovery
- GIS *(end discussion of List)*

Governance

- ECOS and EPA will select their Co-Chairs and 2 steering committee members by the end of 2008.
- The ECOS Co-chair will be Laurie Beamish from Indiana.
- The two Steering Committee Members will be Mike Ahern from Ohio and Roy Walker from Oklahoma