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### IWG TELECON SUMMARY – December 18, 2003

#### Attendees:

Jon Andresen, Jonathan Blaker, Nat Bongiovanni, Lynn Butler, Jay Cantwell, James Clark, Barbara Drake, Jane Elkins, Gary Gillespie, Frank Goodell, Ellen Hilert, Andy Jay, Valorie Johnson, Rob Leibrandt, Dave MacCormick, Howard Mason, Dave McCoy, Gary Moe, Ken O'Connor, Sam Orem, Mark Reboulet, Stacy Roberts, Tom Ruckdaschel, Fred Sartain, Anthony Sciacca, Frank Sharkey, Rick Sites, Tom Vickers, Jim Waak, Max Westmoreland, Charlie Wilson

#### Recent UID Events & Policy Update

- On November 26, a policy clarification memo was released providing further information on such areas as DoD accepted UID equivalents. The policy memo is available on the UID website at [www](http://www).
- Another clarification regarding the Issuing Agency Code (IAC) for CAGE and DoDAAC will soon be released.
- A UID Summit was held on December 3 with PEOs and PMs in DoD. Mr. Wynne addressed the group. The CH-47 and JSF programs each presented on their plans and progress with UID implementation.
- Several information papers on UID have been developed, including UID and Valuation, UID and Contracting, and Language of the Mark. Not all papers have been posted to the website at the time of the meeting, but they will be posted soon.
- LeAntha Sumpter presented as the keynote speaker at the DoD AIT Part Marking Forum in St. Louis on December 9-10. Key messages to the group:
  - UID is the *link* to other information about the item
  - UID does not change over the life of the item, regardless of potential changes
- The Systems Engineering working group has had some initial planning meetings. The group will evaluate what regulations/documentation will need to be updated to address UID; a concept of operations will also be discussed.
- The Maintenance working group has been delayed slightly. The meeting of the Maintenance Technical Senior Steering Group (MTSSG) has been postponed to the first week in January.
- Much work needs to be done on the communications and outreach front. Rob Leibrandt visited Natick to look into their capabilities for developing effective training and education materials. Natick may be a resource for developing UID materials.
- LeAntha Sumpter and Bruce Propert met with the AIA eBusiness group to discuss UID. Feedback is that the meeting generated positive discussion.

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#### Technical Interface Working Group (TIWG)/Wide Area Workflow(WAWF)

- A detailed design review for WAWF was recently conducted. The design is currently going through internal review. Development is to begin, with targeted completion in February, testing in March, and final product in April.
- The team is soliciting vendor feedback on the various interim solutions for providing the UID and related information. Alternatives have been developed to address the technical needs of smaller businesses, as well as larger more technically enabled businesses.
- An information paper on data capture is being developed and will be posted soon (by the end of the year) to the website. The paper includes a structure chart with the definition of the 15 data elements to support UID. Some of the data elements are already part of the DD 250; others are new with UID.
- A design review meeting is scheduled for December 22 with the various stakeholders (OSD, DISA, CACI, and Northrop Grumman Information Technology). The group will meet again to discuss the registry component.

#### DFARS Update

- Comments from the last public meeting in early November have been collected, reviewed, and processed. The case, including responses to the public comments, was presented to the DAR council in early December.
- The case has been forwarded for concurrent review to Mr. Wynne's office and OFPP. The goal is for publication in the Federal Register by the end of the year.

#### ISO Update

- In November, a UID briefing was provided to the Canadian Defense Department. The Canadians also discussed what they are doing similar to UID. Also part of the trip was a meeting with the Canadian national standards body (the ANSI equivalent) to discuss UID and the approach for the ISO NP. The discussion was positive and supportive.
- UID briefings have been provided to other countries (embassies) among the five powers. In January, there will be an outreach on UID to the 21 nations group.
- It was mentioned and noted that the SC31 website indicates the closing of the ballot for the proposed international standard for unique identification (Japanese proposal 15459-3)

#### Business Rules

- A new structure to business rules development has been designed to expand the reach across the various UID-related working groups. A Business Rules Integration

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Team will serve as the leadership of smaller, ad hoc business rules groups to ensure a cross-functional perspective.

- Industry participation will have leadership from Herm Reininga from Rockwell Collins. The government counterpart has not been finalized. Mike Breckon from NAVAIR is the candidate for the role.
- Rob Leibrandt will take the action to set a closure date on the character length issue.

#### Upcoming Key Events

- On January 13, a government-wide standards strategy discussion is being coordinated to address standardization for UID across the government. The tentative key agencies include GSA, NASA, Energy, and Homeland Defense, with others to be confirmed.
- The UID Joint Requirements Implementation Board will be meeting in early February, however the date has not yet been finalized.

#### Tentative Meeting Schedule

- The next IWG status teleconference will be targeted for mid-February. More information will be made available when a date is finalized.

*Note: A question was asked regarding the DoD AIT readers and their ability of reading extended channel interpreters. It is known that RVSI readers are capable of reading ISO compression characters, as it is part of the ISO16022 character set. More information will follow upon further inquiry.*