Joint UFGS Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Philadelphia Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA
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ATTENDEES:

Invited	Attended	Name	Organization/ Location	E-Mail
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MEETING OBJECTIVES:

1) Introduction
2) SpecsIntact & BIM Integration
3) FY10 Tasking and Status
4) FY10 On The Horizon– FY10
5) Current UFGS Issues
6) FY10 Selections and Approval of Merge Tasking
7) Metrics and UFGS
8) Referencing UFC Documents Within The UFGS
9) Submittal Procedures Section
10) Action Items

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Subject 1: Introduction

1) Pete Rossbach, USACE, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Subject 2: SpecsIntact and BIM Integration

1) Walter Heimbaugh presented a proposed BIM Workflow process he has pulled together for the Army.
2) Purposed more funding from all agencies be allocated towards the development of SpecsIntact and BIM Integration.
3) NASA is in the process of developing a BIM Guide that should be posted within the next few months.
4) Walter modeled this after the cost estimating approach.

Subject 3: FY10 Tasking and Status

1) Updating Painting and Coating Master Sections
   a) Gene Owens requested to receive more information regarding the Painting and Coating Master Sections called out in this presentation
   b) 6 New **Maintenance** Painting and Coating Sections
   c) 7 New **Construction** Painting and Coating Sections

2) UFGS MasterText Tasking – FY10
   a) New Issues:
      (1) MasterFormat has introduced a new Division 46 – Water and Wastewater Equipment
         (a) The UFGS will be moving sections from Division 33 into the new Division 46
         (b) Agency coordination must be done when moving Sections into the new Division
      (2) Major revisions to Division 44 due to the new Division 46 addition
      (3) New Specifications related to polished concrete

3) LEED
   a) Army specs are severely out of date as far as LEED is concerned due to lack of information from the Discipline Working Groups.
   b) NASA proposed a FED Green/LEED Spec for each Division (work is in progress)

4) UFGS Design Working Groups and NASA
   a) Need to improved communication between them and NASA
   b) We are currently tied into the Mechanical
   c) Any and all specifications should involve all of the agencies

5) UFGS Section Numbers and Titles alignment with CSI Numbers and Titles
   a) There needs to be a concerted effort to clean up the Numbers and Titles
   b) Consensus was that the Numbers and Titles have to match CSI

6) Unification of UFGS Sections
   a) The philosophy should be the same as CSI with no exceptions. Broadscope Sections should be disassembled into the Narrowscope Sections.
   b) The DWG's answer to ECEPT
   c) The Engineering Senior Executive Panel (ESEP) can direct the Electrical Working Group to resolve the issues and disassemble the Sections
   d) If this philosophy continues the Government will be the only ones using the UFGS Specifications.
   e) Richard will send a proposed list of MasterFormat Numbers and Titles to send out to the Discipline Working Groups. Most numbering and title conflicts are highlighted in yellow on the UFGS Tracking Chart.
   f) RCBEA
      (1) Richard will re-forward the RCBEA presentation and Section Impact List to Pete Rossbach and Carl Kersten in order to reconfirm approval to move forward with implementation of the RCBEA Specifications. The basic Sections have ben posted, as previously presented. The spreadsheet list is for the DWG's to review and decide if they want RCBEA tailoring added or not, section by section.

Subject 4: CCR System

1) Bob Payne is still developing the **Unified Facility Criteria Management System (UFCM)** for Specifications.
2) This system will be available within the next few months and will be user friendly.
3) Invite Bob Payne to the next UFGS Working Group meeting to demonstrate the new system
4) The Discipline Working Groups are listed on the WBDG

Subject 5: Current UFGS Issues

1) See the attached presentation entitled "SICCCB 2010 and UFGS CSI MPI Painting Spec Outline"

Subject 6: FY10 Selections and Approval of Merge Tasking

1) See the attached presentation entitled "SICCCB DoD FY11 Tasking"

Subject 7: Metrics and UFGS

1) The UFGS is inconsistent with the handling of English and Metric.
2) Is anyone still using Metric?
   a) NASA still uses Metric
   b) The construction industry is not there to accommodate metric

Subject 8: Referencing UFC Documents within the UFGS

1) Are we supposed to reference UFC Documents within the UFGS for DoD?
   a) Everyone is in agreement that all UFC Documents should be referenced throughout the UFGS so that they will appear in the Sections Reference Article.

Subject 9: Submittal Procedure Section

1) Serious issues have been raised on the Design Build and Design Bid Build issues

Subject 9: SpecsIntact Update

1) Jim Whitehead provided an update on SpecsIntact as well as the latest interim release 4.4.2.
   a) Updates due to migration from IHS to MadCad
   b) User Counts
   c) SpecsIntact Technical Support Call Update
   d) SI 4.4.2
      (1) Export Tailoring Options List
         (a) Web Format
         (b) SI Report Format
      (2) Improved 508 Compliance
      (3) New third party zip/unzip component
      (4) Export Submittal Register
         (a) HTM Format
         (b) Excel Format
         (c) Comma Delimited Text Format
      (5) SI 4.5

(a) Traditional Numeric Format Support
(b) Alternate Paragraph Numbering – Alpha/Numeric
(c) Backward compatibility not a requirement, but on our wish list
   a) Using SpecsIntact 4.4.0 is the solution for using SI on older jobs that does not support prior jobs created before 4.5.0
   b) If not backward compatible, both 4.4.0 and 4.5.0 must be installed

Subject 13: Action Items

#	Action Items	Person	Assign Date	Due Date	Item Status
1	Provide direction to MadCad to use the exact publication titles as they are used on the MadCad web site	Carl Kersten	05/02/07	01/2008	Ongoing
2	Rick Hatcher will send Pete Rossbach an email stating what Sections are still out for PDC review.	Rick Hatcher	10/30/07	11/09/07	Ongoing
3	Discuss modifying the WBDG UFGS Page with Bob Payne	Carl Kersten	06/03/08	06/30/08	Ongoing
4	Send updated PowerPoint Presentation on the outstanding UFGS Sections to the UFGS Working Group	Rich Hatcher	06/03/08	06/30/08	Ongoing
5	Once the CMS/CCR System has been replaced with the new System, update the UFGS Links	Database Mgrs.	03/31/09		Pending
6	UFGS Working Group provide definitions of Tailoring Options to Cheryl Fitz-Simon for posting on the SI Web Site & Help Files	UFGS Working Group	03/31/09	O6/16/09	Pending
7	Incorporate Link to the Tailoring Options Help in the Scope Note for RCB&EA	Database Mgrs.	03/31/09	O6/16/09	Pending
8	Provide link to Database Managers for Tailoring Options	Cheryl Fitz-Simon	03/31/09	O6/16/09	Pending
9	Send Email to the TPs regarding 40 17 30 – Welding General Piping to resolve issues	Richard Hungate	03/31/09	O6/16/09	In Progress
10	Have Bob Payne add a link on the WBDG to the new CMS/CCR System	Carl Kersten	03/31/09	O6/16/09	In Progress
11	Develop draft guidelines for submitting New Section requests for the UFGS Working Groups review	Sheron Belcher	031/31/09	06/16/09	Ongoing
	Comment: Once the WBDG releases the new system that will replace Projnets CCR System the sections will be resent				
12	Email the Discipline Working Group requesting that they assign a preparing activity for the 12 new Sections	Richard Hungate	03/31/09	O6/16/09	In Progress
13	Provide draft of the Concrete Sections to the UFGS Working Group	Sheron Belcher	03/31/09	12/01/09	In Progress
14	Send UFGS Template to Steve for modification	Cheryl Fitz-Simon	04/01/09	06/16/09	Pending
15	Modify Section Template to match UFC 1-300-02	Steve Freitas	04/01/09	06/16/09	Pending
16	Once the UFGS Technical Proponent List is final, the UFGS Database Manager will maintain annually	Database Manager	04/01/09		Ongoing
	Comment: Remove regular reoccurring actions				
17	Update the UFGS Database Manager procedure to include updating the UFGS Technical Proponent list	Maggie Muller	04/01/09		In Progress
18	E-Mail the Request for New Specification Template to the UFGS Working Group	Pete Rossbach	11/03/09	11/13/09	
19	Contact Haskell to develop a better COBIE Interface with RMS	Steve Freitas	11/03/09	01/31/10	
20	Review the Discipline Working Group List for possible updates for NASA	Frank Der Carl Kersten Pete Rossbach	11/03/09	01/31/10	
21	Review whether or not to provide additional funding for additional DoD merger (FY10)	Pete Rossbach	11/03/09	11/31/09	
22	Create a simplified Section Template removing most of the bracketed options	Cheryl Fitz-Simon	11/03/09	TBD	
23	Distribute new Section Template to Board prior to release/implementation	Cheryl Fitz-Simon	11/03/09	TBD	

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24	Add a note with phone numbers/email addresses to the Technical Proponent List stating if you cannot reach a TP contact the representative for the Preparing Activity carl, pete or Frank	Maggie Muller	11/03/09	02/2010	
25	Updated UMRL Spreadsheet from MadCad Is HIS updating or will there be a separate spreadsheet from MadCad	Carl Kersten	11/03/09	12/31/09	
26	Provide update resulting from the MadCad meeting November 2009 to the UFGS Working Group	Carl Kersten	11/03/09	12/01/09	
27	Send Proposed FY10 List to Carl and Pete for distribution to Discipline Working Group	Richard Hungate	11/03/09	11/06/09	
28	Provide response of the Proposed List to Richard Hungate	Pete & Carl	11/03/09	11/31/09	
29	Check with Huntsville District to see if they can update the CCRs	Sheron Belcher	11/03/09		
30	Send the four New RCB&EA Sections and attachments to the TPs for review	Richard Hungate	11/03/09	11/31/09	
31	Draft a Submittal Paragraph General Note detailing the classification codes used by SpecsIntact and RMS	Steve Freitas	11/03/09	01/31/09	
32	Email draft Submittal Paragraph General Note to Sheron Belcher and Richard Hungate for review/concurrence	Steve Freitas	11/03/09	01/31/09	
33	Once Submittal Paragraph General Note has been finalized forward to the UFGS Working Group for approval	Steve Freitas	11/03/09	01/31/09	
34	Implement Submittal Paragraph General Note throughout the UFGS for the May 2010 release	Database Managers	11/03/09	05/2010	
35	Remove Tailoring Options description from the General Note throughout the UFGS for the February release	Database Managers	11/03/09	02/2010	
36	Define and streamline Navy Tailoring Options	Carl Kersten	11/03/09		
37	Modify Help to define the use of Tailoring Options	Cheryl Fitz-Simon	11/03/09		
38	Incorporate nested Tailoring Options for Navy Regional options	Alynne	11/03/09		
39	UFGS Working Group provide updates to the Tailoring Options List for review at the next meeting May 2010	UFGS Working Group	11/03/09	05/2010	
40	Remove Agency name from the Quality Control Sections	Database Managers			
41	Change Section number to include fifth level designation	Database Managers			
42	Add Tailoring options for the Agency Quality Control Sections	Database Managers			
43	Implement Quality Control Changes for the February 2010 release	Database Managers			
44	Send Statement regarding Superseding to Steve Freitas to incorporate into UFC 1-300-02, 2-5	Maggie Muller	11/03/09		
45	Make corrections to the UFC 1-300-02 and send to the UFGS Working Group for Review	Steve Freitas	11/03/09	02/2810	
46	Send MIL-STD-3007F to Carl Kersten for publishing	Steve Freitas	11/03/09	11/31/09	
47	Update the UFGS Working Group with status of the UFC/CCR System	Carl Kersten	11/04/09	12/31/09	
48	Setup WebEx demonstration with Bob Payne to demonstrate the new CCR System	Carl Kersten	11/04/09	TBD	
49	Add capability to perform a keyword search on Section Titles in the new Internet Based Database for Tracking the UFGS	Sandy Wood	11/04/09	TBD	
50	Add capability to the Document List to “Filter by Status: ALL and AGENCY” in the new Internet Based Database for Tracking the UFGS	Sandy Wood	11/04/09	TBD	
51	Provide the customer’s name who has inquired about the Metal Roof Specifications	Michelle Pizzuto	11/04/09	11/06/09	
52	Create Administrative Rights for User Groups for the different Document Types	Sandy Wood	11/04/09	TBD	
53	Obtain the Certificate of Networthiness (CON) from the “Army Knowledge Online” and forward to the SI Team	Pete Rossbach	11/04/09	01/31/10	

Next UFGS Working Group Meeting will be held
October 26 – 28, 2010
At
Kennedy Space Center, FL