

**Proposal Through Award TAG
1999 TUG Atlanta, Georgia
October 6, 1999
Minutes**

Roll Call: 13 of 15 TAG members were present
45 attendees overall.
1 new member joined TAG (Juanita Moore, Florida DOT)

Introductions of all attendees were made.

Mission Statement: The Mission Statement was reviewed. There was a motion to accept the mission statement as it stood. Mike Jenkins from Indiana made a motion to accept it as it stood and Juanita Moore from Florida seconded the motion. There were no TAG members dissenting with the motion and it passed.

Short Term/Long Term Goals: There were no short or long term goals carried over from the previous year. That being the case, the group spent some time brainstorming various ideas. As a result, the following goals were proposed by the TAG members and attendees:

Short Term

1. Correlate the functionality differences between drill down and tabbed folder data entry and utilities.
2. The issue of renewable contracts being handled in PES/LAS.
3. Increased security on sensitive information such as vendor financials.

Long Term

1. Integrating browser technology into PES/LAS.
2. Combining PES and LAS into one product was suggested.
3. Integration of PES/LAS and the FMIS system.
4. The ease of total department usage and implementation was suggested. This would involve the TRANSPORT system interfacing with other information technology systems used by a state.

Ballot Items: Before the specific ballot items were discussed, Roger Bierbaum (member of the TRANSPORT Task Force) explained the ballot item process to allow the members to understand how ballots are prioritized once voted on.

The 2000-2001 proposed ballot was reviewed. The following changes were approved by the TAG membership:

1. Delete items X-2, X-4 and X-6

2. Delete item P-56 and roll into G-84
3. Recommend deletion of G-73 and G-77
4. Recommend deleting G-82 and rolling into G-85

Four ballot items were proposed by North Carolina DOT and are summarized as follows:

1. PES - Adding copy special to right click options.
2. PES – When copying a project to create a new project, the focus should remain on the record being copied or the new one created.
3. PES – Automatically generate the contract id or have the ability to generate it from an external source.
4. PES – Allow user to copy a pay item within the estimate to create a new pay item.

Three ballot items were proposed by Florida DOT and are summarized as follows:

1. PES – Requesting an installation option which would determine whether or not a long description or short description is used.
2. LAS – Modify awarded vendor field to include only those marked as a valid bidder for that proposal, as well as to have the awarded amount automatically calculated.
3. LAS – Modify the load bids process to accept the quantity field from expedite.

A motion was made by Juanita Moore to approve these ballot items subject to each state working out any specific issues with Infotech. The motion was seconded by Penny Higgins and approved by the TAG members.

Innovative Contracting: As requested by the TUG Chair, the TAG discussed the importance of innovative contracting in the states and how they could be incorporated into PES/LAS and the implications on the rest of the TRANSPORT products. The first thing that the TAG did was poll the states on which types of innovative contracting were used by the states. The poll produced the following results:

1. A+B Bidding: Used in 16 states attending the TAG.
2. No Excuse Bidding: Used in 2 states attending the TAG.
3. Lane Rental: Used in 7 states attending the TAG.
4. Bid Averaging: Used in 1 state attending the TAG.
5. Lump Sum Bidding: Used in 4 states attending the TAG.
6. Quality Assurance Specs: Used in 8 states attending the TAG.
7. Performance Related Specs: Used in 4 states attending the TAG.
8. Warranty Performance Bidding: Used in 2 states attending the TAG.
9. Incentive/Disincentive: Used in 11 states attending the TAG.

The most important topic was the ability to bid dollars and days in a contract. Many of the states use a work around of allowing the contractor to bid the days and the dollar rate as the quantity. This was seen as unacceptable because of the problems that would be encountered in TRNSPORT modules “down the line” from LAS. Extra items would have to be added to manipulate the contractor bid. It was determined that Incentive/Disincentive, Lane Rental and A+B bidding were closely related and could be analyzed in the same way in deciding how to incorporate the dollar/day bidding into PES/LAS. Ron Belli volunteered to present the suggestions to the TUG in the general session.

Special Committee: David Bollie presented the function of the special committee created by TUG chair Mike Jenkins. It was explained that the committee was formed to solve the various problems and differences of the Item List from module to module in TRNSPORT. Volunteers from the TAG were requested to join the committee from the perspective of PES and of LAS. David Mayo from Arkansas volunteered to join the committee from the TAG.

There were other topics scheduled to be on the agenda but, were not addressed due to lack of time.