

UDG Specifications and Standards Group Notes of a Meeting

Meeting particulars

Meeting held: 15:00 on 25 July 2007 at TfL offices, 25 Ecclestone Place, London

The following were present:

- Derek Renaud, TfL *Chair*
- Mark Cartwright, Centaur Consulting *Secretary*

The following tendered their apologies:

- Brent Collier, Sheffield CC
- Laurie Egan, Norfolk CC
- Martin Porter, Lancashire CC
- Hamilton Purdie, Glasgow CC
- Gary Umpleby, Mott Macdonald (on behalf of USF)

1 Welcome and introductions

Action

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from all other members; see para 3.2.

2 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (5 June 2007) were accepted as an accurate record.

3 Membership of the S&SG

- 3.1 There had been development on membership.

- 3.2 It was noted that, with some members having to travel considerable distances, it is always going to be difficult to achieve good attendance. It was agreed, as an experiment, to hold the next meeting as a teleconference.

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4 Compliance

- 4.1 There had been no submissions for compliant products during the period.

5 Product catalogue

- 5.1 The USF proposal for moving the product catalogue to a web basis had still not been received. A report had been received from Mark Bodger that this was suffering from lack of available time.

5.2 It was agreed that S&SG will draft a brief, and circulate it to some suitable companies to tender against. The USF will be advised accordingly. This activity is already approved by the UDG MG and budgeted for. **MC**

6 Technical Specification update

6.1 There have been no proposed updates to the Tech Spec, but we are aware of a number of activities in train:

- Halcrow are developing an ANPR MIB;
- Atkins are developing a traffic counter MIB;
- Manchester/AGD are intending to develop a rising bollard MIB.

6.2 In the case of the first two, we have helped facilitate discussion between the MIB developers and the supplier community. We will keep in touch with these activities as they develop.

6.3 Following discussion and authorisation at the last UDG MG, an order had been issued to Mott Macdonald to draft and updated Objects Registry based on UML modelling. However the order had not yet been accepted, owing to the commercial terms and conditions. MC is in discussion with MM regarding this. If this issue cannot be resolved quickly we will put this out to open tender. **MC**

7 Technical work for 2007-08 – discussion

7.1 We have a Business Plan for 2007-08, and a number of new tasks are arising (see para 6.1). However there is a longer term question over where UTMC is seen by Government as going, as regards standards management, compliance management, etc. We will seek a meeting with DfT. **MC**

8 AOB

8.1 Notes had been received regarding the supplier discussions on a unified UTMC MIB (based on the output of the UG405 project). These were agreed to be encouraging, but there is some way to go yet.

8.2 MC had been in discussion with the Highways Agency regarding DATEX 2. It was confirmed that UTMC would welcome a submission of schemas representing HA information feeds available. However it was agreed that DATEX 2 in its entirety is wholly unsuitable as a submission. MC will advise the Agency. **MC**

9 Next meetings

9.1 The next S&SG meeting will be in September, and as an experiment will be undertaken by teleconference. Members will be informed once a date and time have been confirmed. **MC**