

UDG Specifications and Standards Group Notes of a Meeting

Meeting particulars

Meeting held: 11:00 am on 11 December 2006 at 25 Ecclestone Place, London SW1W 9PN

The following were present:

- Derek Renaud, TfL *Chairman*
- Mark Cartwright, Centaur Consulting *Secretary*
- Mark Bodger, Siemens Traffic
- Laurie Egan, Norfolk CC
- Martin Porter, Lancashire CC
- Gary Umpleby, Mott Macdonald

The following tendered their apologies:

- Hamilton Purdie, Glasgow CC

1 Welcome and introductions

Action

- 1.1 MB and MP were welcomed to the S&SG.

2 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (20 October 2006) were accepted as an accurate record.

- 2.2 The following actions are outstanding:

- MC to draft an open letter seeking new LA members of the group; *MC*
- DR to make contact with Peter Bull regarding S&SG membership; *DR*
- MC/DR to develop requirements, and GU (on behalf of USF) to develop a proposal, to upgrade the current product catalogue to a web-based tool; these to happen in parallel and to lead to a negotiated solution; *MC/DR/GU*
- GU to develop a costed proposal on the development of a UML-based Object Registry, ensuring it is usable by project managers. *GU*

3 Terms of reference and membership

- 3.1 It was noted that the Group's revised ToRs had been approved on 30 November by the UDG MG.

- 4 Compliance**
- 4.1 Definition of process and procedure**
- 4.1.1 It was noted that the reformatted documents on compliance and logo usage had been approved on 30 November by the UDG MG. **MC**
- 4.2 Trafficmaster application**
- 4.2.1 MC had reverted to Trafficmaster with the points raised at the last S&SG but had heard nothing since. MC to chase. **MC**
- 5 Product catalogue**
- 5.1 Actions carried over from the previous meeting.
- 6 Technical Specification update**
- 6.1 Following comment, Siemens is revising its proposed revision to the Objects Registry, and intends to run this past Tenet and Mott Macdonald. MB expects to resubmit the agreed (hopefully uncontentious) part within the next week or two. **MB**
- 6.2 The 'uncontentious' Siemens submission, together with the Serco number range allocation, will be fed into the draft TS004.003. The aim is to run a 'private' consultation in February and a 'public' consultation March-April. **MC**
- 6.3 The question of leaving people behind with legacy UTMC systems was raised. DR reminded members that this was always understood, and that so long as we stick to corrections and extensions S&SG is true to its remit. It is up to individual authorities, whether non-UTMC or UTMC-demonstrator, to determine when and how to migrate. MC pointed out that the standard is inevitably going to be developed in advance of real systems, all of which are by definition 'legacy'.
- 6.4 There was further discussion on the Interglossa/Reading BC submission, defining some public transport objects. Although these submissions are lightweight, the general need for PT objects is a big one. It was agreed to establish a compact Joint Technical Group working group on this, with perhaps four people from UTMC and a similar number from RTIG and TIH; MC to convene. A date was tentatively set for 12 February. DR said TfL would be happy to host (subject to room availability). **MC**
- LE agreed to represent UTMC LAs – DR will try to come as well;
 - GU will seek USF interest; **GU**
 - MC will seek participation from RTIG and TIH. **MC**
- 6.5 It was noted that the document on process to update the Technical Specification had been approved on 30 November by the UDG MG. MC is arranging for this, and the other recently-approved documents, to be uploaded to the UDG website. **MC**

7 Technical work to be done

- 7.1 There was a discussion on the UG405 harmonised controller MIB is ready for incorporation into the Tech Spec. The consensus position was that, despite the good work of the UG405 project and the suppliers contributing to it, the MIB is insufficiently unified – essentially it packages two separate ways of conveying the same UTC data into a single MIB. The political, practical and commercial reasons for this were explored and acknowledged. Given that some time had passed since the original development of the UG405 MIB, MB was asked to explore the actual likely commercial impact on Siemens of a single explicit (Peek-like) MIB being adopted, and to present an impact paper to the next S&SG meeting. ***MB***
- 7.2 A number of specific suggestions were put forward for FY07-08, which MC will incorporate into the draft Business Plan using relevant: ***MC***
- Project management guidelines, modelled on those produced by RTIG (estimated cost £5k);
 - UML Object Registry (estimated cost £???k); ***GU***
 - Web-based product catalogue (estimated cost £???k); ***GU***
 - ??? (estimated cost £???k); ***All***

8 Any other business

- 8.1 None.

9 Next meetings

- 9.1 In a slight change, the following dates were agreed, to be held at 11am at Ecclestone Place by default:
- Monday 12 February 2007;
 - Monday 23 April 2007.