

UA & UAF IT Consolidation Transition Teams

ON THE MERGE...

Upcoming Events:

June 22 and 23 - Board of Regents in Fairbanks

July 4 and 5 - 4th of July Holiday - UA & UAF closed

Friday, July 08 - 4:00pm
All IT Staff Annual Picnic @ Pioneer Park

Monday, July 11 - UA ITC Videoconference

Questions about the IT Consolidation?

Contact Lori Merdes:
450-8387 or
lori@alaska.edu

Name that Organization...

Steve Smith announced on Friday, June 17, 2005 that IT staff is invited to name our new organization. All IT staff are encouraged to participate. The "more creative" the better.

This is your chance to brand our newly emerging IT organization.

The new organization's formal name should embrace *all* IT service groups. It is thus expected to be lengthy - and cumbersome for daily use. Steve suggests that we consider starting with acronyms, building backward to distinct (and memorable) names.

The selected acronym will become our organization's marketed name. The staff member submitting the winning entry will receive a courtesy, round-trip "saver" ticket with Alaska Airlines.

Entries may be submitted through any of the following:

- 1) The IT Merger website suggestion form: www.alaska.edu/itmerger/feedback.html;
- 2) Email to Lori Merdes: lori@alaska.edu;
- 3) Hard copy entry left at Lori's desk in Butrovich, suite 102 or sent through inter-campus mail.

To be eligible for the airline ticket prize, entries must include their name and contact information. Anonymous entries are also welcome.

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2005. The winner will be announced at the IT Summer Social, July 8, 2005 at Pioneer Park.

"Problems cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by obvious realities. We need men and women who can dream of things that never were."

- John F. Kennedy

Which Transition Team?

Which Transition Team do you approach with specific concerns about your department or the services your department provides? Review the revised Organization Chart on the reverse of today's newsletter. It will help you better understand each team's specific focus.

Need more clarification? Contact Lori Merdes via phone (x8387) or email: lori@alaska.edu.

More on Your Transition Teams:

The Transition Teams' focus is to define and prepare an Individualized Departmental Diagram (IDD). Goals for the IDD include:

- Comprehensively review the SW and UAF IT Organizations;
- Look beyond *what we have*;
- List services provided within the scope of identified teams;
- Identify resources to effectively deliver listed services;

- ◇ Clarify surplus resources
- ◇ Clarify deficit resources

The IDDs are recommendations that will serve as the primary design analysis tool during our IT organization's development.

The IDDs will ensure that strategic planning considers the *entire* SW/UAF Community. The IDDs will also comprehensively address services impacted by the forthcoming SW/UAF IT Merger.

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