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The CUSEC Operations Chiefs conducted a meeting on August 21, 2002 in Nashville Tennessee, and asked Chairman Thompson to make a presentation regarding the purpose and goals of the Task Force. This meeting included several SEMA representatives from various states, along with others involved in disaster recovery.

Jim Wilkinson, CUSEC Executive Director, Norm Hester, Bob Bauer, and John Kiefer with the CUSEC–Association of State Geologists, and Roger Lehman, Evansville–Vanderburgh County Building Commissioner, and Task Force Chair Thompson visited Washington DC August 27–29, 2002. The trip was in response to an invitation from the FHWA and the USGS. The CUSEC group met with representatives of these and other agencies and individuals to continue the discussion as to how we could improve collaboration on earthquake issues.

Meetings were held with the following individuals and agencies:
Jim Cooper and Al Benet with the FHWA,
Steve Maguire and Janet Benini with US DOT Office of Emergency Transportation.
John Horlsey and Tony Kane with AASHTO
Chip Groat, John Filson, and Dave Russ with USGS
Ted Litty with FEMA.

A conference call was held August 30, 2002 involving: Chairman Thompson, Jim Wilkinson, Dave Johnson, and Bob Chapman, to discuss the outcome of the Washington DC trip and plan the next step. Today's conference call revolved around preparing a funding proposal for a multi-year Task Force program. Steve Maguire with the US DOT seemed to offer the best hope for federal assistance and involvement.

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A meeting with CUSEC Board Chairman Patrick Ralston (also Indiana SEMA Executive Director) cancelled earlier due to weather was subsequently held Wednesday February 19, 2003.

Mr. Wayne Dittelberger, INDOT Operations Support Engineer attended on behalf of Mr. Thompson. Discussion involved the Technical Clearing House for Earthquakes Program being planned by Norm Hester, at the direction of CUSEC. A draft proposal is available upon request.

A letter to CUSEC Board Chairman Patrick Ralston, prepared by Jim Wilkinson and Chairman Thompson was prepared and sent today, March 4, 2003. The letter advised the board of current Task Force issues and asked the Board for guidance regarding the Emergency Earthquake Route program.

Task Force member states view the routes from differing perspectives. As these routes play a major role in emergency response and recovery, CUSEC Board involvement was felt to be appropriate at this stage.

The Seventh Regular CUSEC-STTF Meeting planned for March 25-26, was rescheduled for June 30-July 1, 2003.

Norman Hester, with the CUSEC-Association of State Geologists, outlined their latest proposal on April 29, 2003. The Geologists propose to collect seismic shear wave velocities, along with the accompanying lithology and geotechnical data, of nonlithified geologic materials, in the greater St. Louis, Missouri and Evansville, Indiana metro areas. They also intend to collect new field shear wave velocity data on sediments which currently do not have shear wave velocity measurements.

As this effort will be of direct benefit to the STTF, and is in keeping with the "Memorandum of Understanding" and stated goals of the STTF, a letter of support dated May 2, 2003, was prepared by Jim Wilkinson and Chairman Thompson and provided to the CUSEC-ASG.

The Seventh Regular State Transportation Task Force Meeting was held June 30, 2003 at the Sheraton Downtown Nashville Hotel in Nashville Tennessee

Present were: Dave Johnson from Illinois, Bob Chapman from Mississippi, Gerald Gregory from Tennessee, Scott Stotlemeyer from Missouri, Tony Evans from Arkansas, and Jerry Thompson from Indiana. Glenn Givan from Kentucky was absent.

Dave Snider, MODOT (Ret.) was also present, along with Bryan Blake, CUSEC Mitigation Program Coordinator, for a portion of the meeting.

Each attendee was provided with the following documents:

- 7th Regular Meeting Agenda.
- Bound "Historical Summary" (through May 13, 2003), including Annual Reports for 2001 & 2002
- A letter from the Task Force to CUSEC supporting the latest CUSEC-Association of State Geologists proposal.
- A Draft "Letter of Transmittal" to accompany future distributions of emergency route maps.
- A letter to CUSEC Board Chair Patrick Ralston regarding several STTF issues.

Each State Representative gave a brief review of earthquake related activities within their own state.

Chairman Thompson reported he made a short presentation before the CUSEC Board earlier this morning at the request of Board Chair Patrick Ralston. He was asked to elaborate on the letter to the CUSEC Board noted above. In general, the letter to the CUSEC Board asks for their input in regards to a number of issues related to the emergency routes in the Central US. Mr. Ralston and the Board recommended the CUSEC Ops Chiefs assist the STTF to further resolve these issues. Mr. Ralston indicated he would extend an invitation for a representative of the STTF to attend the next Ops Chiefs meeting, to be held in Indianapolis, in late July.

The need for a Project Director was discussed and an offer made to Dave Snider for the position, with Mr. Snider accepting. The primary goals include: continuation of progress on the Emergency Route Plan, preparation of a Transportation Plan and Strategy for the region, developing a Post-Earthquake Inspection Training Program, and preparation of Funding Proposal(s) making these initiatives possible.

The Draft "Letter of Transmittal" to accompany future distributions of the Emergency Route Maps and GIS Data was reviewed and approved as revised.

Election of officers for the coming 2004 Fiscal Year, (from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004) was the final order of business at today's meeting. **Jerry Thompson from Indiana was re-elected as Chairman. Dave Johnson, from Illinois was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.**

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