

Center Weather Service Unit (CWSU)

Status Update to FPAW

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Agenda

- Activity since last FPAW
- Current Status and on-going FAA and NWS efforts



Activity since last FPAW

- Sep-Dec 2009: Joint NWS and FAA team completed negotiations of proposal details as planned for a two weather center, consolidated operation for CONUS
- Dec 2009: FAA expected a revised proposal
- Jan 2010: NWS Director verbally informed SVP/Operations that NWS would not be providing the proposal
- Mar 2010: NWS submitted alternative
- Jul 2010: FAA responded to alternative
- Jul 2010: NWS agreed with FAA response



On-going Efforts

- Short-Term
 - Maintain current CWSU configuration
 - Implement incremental improvements and standard operations for 24/7 coverage and TRACON forecasts at no additional cost
 - Use local WFOs for 24/7
 - Standardized CWSU TRACON Forecast for the ten TRACONS identified in the CWSU Requirements Document
 - Beginning with convective forecasts



On-going Efforts

- Joint FAA and NWS team established to:
 - Develop common outcome and strategies to achieve for all NWS aviation weather services in support of TFM
 - Establish functional and performance requirements
 - Establish operational performance measures and metrics for TFM requirements
 - Establish detailed implementation plans
- Team developed and has begun a work plan
 - Initial plan to Senior VP for Operations and Director of NWS due end of Nov 2010
 - Final plan Sep 2011; implementation begins Oct 2011

