

TRIP REPORT

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Subj: TRIP REPORT FOR THE SINGLE LOAD PLANNING CAPABILITY (SLPC) MARINE CORPS AIR REQUIREMENTS CONFERENCE 4-6 DEC, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this trip was to finalize the Marine Corps' requirements to CDM Technologies in support of our initiative to deliver an ICODES Air load planning module by summer 2008 vice waiting for the full joint capability in 2009.
2. ATTENDEE. Maj K. J. Hastings, HQMC (Code LPD-3).
3. LOCATION OF MEETING. CDM Technologies, San Luis Obispo, CA.
4. DISCUSSION. This conference brought together Marine Corps subject matter experts to outline and finalize to CDM the air load planning functional and technical capabilities that the Marine Corps requires to be resident within the Marine Corps' ICODES Air module. An Air Mobility Command representative was invited and attended the conference to assist and provide oversight for the aircraft load planning tool.
5. TOPICS. Upon defining our service requirements to CDM Technologies the senior analyst, Dr. Pohl presented an estimated delivery timeline and cost during the final day of the conference. The estimated cost outlined was 1.6 million dollars with an estimated delivery of Dec 2008. This estimate missed our projected cost estimate by 1.1 million dollars and our projected timeline by 6 months. The reasoning behind the high cost and longer than expected timeline as presented by Dr. Pohl was due to the hiring of additional personnel in order to accomplish the Marine Corps' requirement and also stay on schedule with development of the joint requirement.
6. SUMMARY.
 - a. Upon completion of our conference with CDM myself along with Mr. Tony Brill and Mr. Mike McAuliffe, from TDIS conducted a telecon with Mr. Marty Lambert, the ICODES Joint Program Officer. After outlining to Mr. Lambert our dissatisfaction with CDM's estimates he mentioned that an ICODES joint air load planning tool should be ready for testing by May 2008. In addition, we discussed that this air load planning tool may be something the Marine Corps could possibly utilize to satisfy our ICODES air initiative.
 - d. As a result of the estimates outlined by CDM and the telecon with Mr. Lambert, we decided to pull back from our current initiative and look forward on how we could utilize the joint air module ready for testing during May 2008.


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