

**WEQ CONTRACTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
APRIL 8, 2003**

- Since the last meeting of the EC, the subcommittee has met twice.
  - On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the committee met in Phoenix to receive reports from its task forces
    - **FTAA** – After discussion of the draft FTAA, motion made to move the standards request to the JIC for consideration at its meeting on March 21.
    - The motion was unanimously approved
    - **MSA** – The MSA TF reported on its efforts to catalogue and highlight the differences between the EEI and WSPP master agreements, completing the first step of Annual Plan item 5A
    - Next step to determine whether a NAESB standard contract is appropriate
    - Three options for moving forward: i) combine WSPP and EEI agreements into one agreement; ii) use either the WSPP or EEI as basis for NAESB master; or iii) develop a new NAESB master from scratch
    - The issue of a request (verbal) from the DOE regarding the desire to see a standard contract developed through an ANSI standards development process was also discussed. Some concerned that this should not be addressed until a formal request is made.
    - Motion made to i) not merge the agreements; ii) ask the task force to consider other ways to address the DOE concern and report findings to the subcommittee
  - On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the committee met via teleconference to act on the JIC's action on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The JIC determined that the standard should be developed by NAESB. The subcommittee agreed that the standard request was ready for posting and unanimously approved a motion to do so. The standard request has been posted for a 30-day comment period ending April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The FTAA met on the February 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to consider drafts of the power FTAA and to finalize a standard request.
- The MSA met on the February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> via teleconference to work on its cataloguing effort.

The next meeting of the contracts subcommittee is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> in Houston. There are no meetings of the task forces scheduled at this time.

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