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