

ESDSWG Meeting rescheduled for March 24-26, 2014 at GSFC

ESDSWG Members,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the ESDSWG Meeting has been rescheduled for March 24-26, 2014 and will be held at GSFC in Greenbelt, MD. We chose these dates because they are roughly halfway between the Winter and Summer ESIP meetings and also, to the best of our knowledge at this moment, well clear of any looming congressional budgetary deadlines that could potentially derail us again. In the past year or two we had actually been considering the possibility of moving the annual meeting to the spring to provide some relief to a crowded fall schedule and also to move us away from the end of the fiscal year. We now have the perfect opportunity to make that happen. From now on, we will plan to hold the meeting each year in the late March/early April time frame.

I realize that the first day of the upcoming meeting is on a Monday, which will require many of you to travel on a Sunday. We tried very hard to find available space for three consecutive days in the March/April time frame that did not fall on a Monday but we were not successful. However, from now on we will do everything we can to reserve the space far enough in advance to make the conditions more favorable for those who have to travel. My apologies for this inconvenience.

Steve and I, along with the ESDIS POCs, have started working with the existing groups as well as some of the new proposers to come up with plans to keep things constructively moving forward between now and the meeting. Until then, keep up the great work and I look forward to seeing you all in March!!

Best regards,

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