

New deputy talks about PMBP

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In the few months that I have been here I have had the opportunity to meet many of you but there are still a few I have not met. My family and I are enjoying getting to know Albuquerque and New Mexico. I have really enjoyed the friendly attitude, the hard work and the professionalism I have seen. Everyone's hard work was especially obvious as we closed out the fiscal year. I want to spend a few minutes talking about some things I have seen since I have been here.

As the Corps of Engineers begins to implement the Project Management Business Process (PMBP), I am amazed at how much of it we already do, especially in our construction projects. In many cases working as a project team is the way we have been doing business for years, however there are a number of areas where that is not our standard practice. Additionally, while we often use project teams, we do not always get everyone involved on the team from the beginning. As we start to make these teams more inclusive, even including the customer, we will find that our projects are more successful and everyone is more



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satisfied with the final result.

This idea of PMBP should not be limited to Project Managers or to construction/design teams. It should be how we do everything especially projects that are more internally focused. In the next few weeks we will be conducting small group discussions to talk about the third and fourth PMBP courses. These discussions will take place with individuals from different branches in our district rather than within our individual specialties as we did with the second CD. This will allow us to hear the opinions and

points of view of members of our team that we do not normally come into contact with. I think this will be a good way of allowing us to see the same issues from different points of view. As we go through this process everyone will be able to see areas where we are doing a pretty good job in implementing PMBP, however I'd like each of you to focus areas where we can do better. After all, we do not move forward by focusing on where we have been but rather by focusing on where we are going.

I look forward to working with each of you here in the District and getting out to see each of our field sites very soon.

District welcomes new chief of Information Management

Don Watson reported as the District's new chief of the Information Management Office on September 3. He has worked for the U.S. Army for the past 17 years, both while on active-duty and as a U.S. Army civilian employee. His technical and managerial assignments include supervising computer maintenance facilities, communications circuit control centers; information systems support elements (hardware and software), and managing company level operations. Watson's staff experience includes working as Chief, Computer Systems Maintenance in G-6, 19th Theater Support Command, in Taegu, Korea and also separate



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assignments as Information Assurance Manager and Information Management Officer, United States Army Support Activity - Area III, Camp Humphreys, Korea. Watson also completed an assignment as a small group leader and instructor at the U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort

Gordon, Georgia providing software and hardware maintenance and leadership instruction to soldiers.

Watson holds a B.S. in Business Management from the University of Maryland - University College. He is certified by the Department of the Army as an Information Assurance Manager and holds the A+ Service Technician Certification.

Watson resides in Albuquerque with his wife of 14 years, Unun-Son, and his daughters Stephanie, 12, and April, 3.