

NOTES from the ALMIS Database Maintenance Consortium Meeting, February 2003

The ALMIS Database Maintenance Consortium met in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 11—13, 2003. The group split their time between meeting within their designated subcommittees and the full Consortium group.

Regular subcommittees include:

- Structure,
- Policies, Procedures, and Core Elements, and
- Education and Communication.

On an as needed basis, other workgroups are formed to handle projects or issues (e.g. Employer Database Contract).

Meeting Highlights:

Members gave updates on various consortia, policy councils, workgroups, ETA, and NCSC work activities.

Funding and approval from ETA was granted for work to begin on XML definitions on the ALMIS Database. A workgroup is being formed to develop those definitions.

A notice of intent to award the ALMIS Employer Database was issued by Iowa to InfoUSA. Dun & Bradstreet has filed an appeal. A hearing on the appeal is scheduled for late March in Iowa. Further information will be provided as available. The most current version of the Employer Database is the 2002 2nd Edition distributed in October 2002. This set of data can be used until May 15, 2003. However, a six-month extension was granted to InfoUSA and another ALMIS Employer Database CD-set will be released April 2003 to the states. The expiration date for display of data from that CD-set will be November 15, 2003.

The Education and Communication Subcommittee is focusing their efforts this year on development of an ALMIS Database Web portal, online training, and an annual educational seminar to be held sometime this summer.

The Structure Subcommittee addressed changes that will be made to the database and identified items to include for the next release. Specifically, the group addressed questions submitted from state DBAs that involved the CESC CODE, IOMATRIX, PROPVAL, CPI, and UICLAIMS tables. They also reviewed the new LAYTITLE table that is currently being used as part of www.onetcodeconnector.org. The group also began reviewing the data structure associated with the LEHD project and the CENLABOR table from EEOC.

A workgroup is being formed to work with the Projections Consortium on ALMIS Database extracts from the next release of the Micromatrix software.