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## Site Survey/Installation Request Process

By Denise Scott and Charles Soodavar

Doing a site survey is one of the fundamental things we do before installing a new RF-ITV site.

An organization with a requirement for a site survey/installation should first submit their request to the AMIS Service Desk.

Requests received by the Service Desk are forwarded to AMIS for review. If it is determined that the request will be funded and supported, AMIS assigns the

mission to our contractor via the Integrated Support System (ISS). Through ISS, the contractor is assigned the mission and is authorized to move forward for mission execution. Our contractor then joins with local Global Combatant Command (GCC) representatives on the ground to work out the mission details. Once the details have been coordinated, a site survey is scheduled and a Field Service Engineer (FSE) is deployed from within the GCC to conduct the site survey. During the site survey, the FSE observes and documents the Department of Defense (DOD) business processes at that facility, determines the best location for placement of the RFID interrogator and the Field Data Unit (FDU) and identifies all power and communications requirements. All this information is documented in a Site Survey Report which is delivered to AMIS for review and approval. After approval, the FSE works with the points of contact on the ground to complete site preparation requirements as outlined in the Site Survey Report. When site preparation requirements have been completed, the FSE moves forward with the installation process. During the installation process, a host of technical tests are conducted to ensure the site is installed and working properly. After the installation has been completed, an Installation Report is delivered to AMIS for final review and approval. Once approved by AMIS, the mission in ISS is updated with all the deliverables and is officially closed to signify the closure of the tasker.



FSE Lefty Byrd installing an interrogator in Luxembourg

# PEO EIS Program Executive Officer Visit to Kuwait

By Marvin Pierce, Field Service Engineer, Kuwait

Acting Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), Ms. Terry Watson, visited Camp Arifjan, Kuwait on 4 March 2016 to attend the 335th Signal Command Theater Provisional Project Synchronization Review. After the review meeting Ms. Watson visited PEO EIS contract personnel for Automated Movement and Identification Solutions (AMIS) RF-ITV II, TC-AIMS II, and PD DWTS CSS SATCOM/JTMN programs in building 760A. Ms. Watson was given a brief overview from each of the programs and then was provided a tour of the facility that included the AMIS training room.

PEO EIS Liaison Officer Ms. Ylander Jones pointed out the shared training room would be relocated to the downstairs area as part of the building renovation plan for ASA (ALT) to install SIPR to the upstairs office spaces and create additional space to accommodate incoming Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) personnel from Afghanistan.

Dialog between Ms. Watson and program contract personnel discussed what impact the training room move would have on the programs involved and the improvements to Building 760A funded by PEO EIS.



Nick Kozoroz, Marvin Pierce, Ms. Watson and Louis Pedrogo share a light moment during Ms. Watson's visit to Kuwait

## IUID Has Arrived

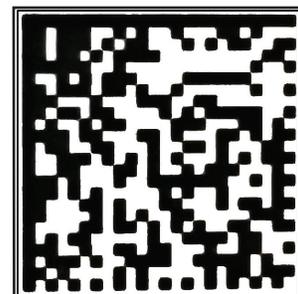
By Paul Krumhaus, IUID SME

Chances are that you have been seeing more and more of your serialized items bearing a mark that looks like a small checkerboard. That data matrix (it's not a bar code; it has no bars) mark likely indicates that the item has been uniquely identified with a single, globally unique ID, a "master key", that will be used to ID the item for its lifetime in maintenance, supply, property accountability and numerous other processes. The Unique Item Identifier (UII) helps end keyboard data entry errors because it is not marked on the item in human readable and can only be captured electronically.

AMIS has been working with Item Unique Identification since it was invented, back in 2003, and the AMIS Customer Support IUID webpage at (<http://www.pdamis.army.mil/CustomerSupport/iuid.html>) contains a treasure trove of information regarding IUID. If you're completely new to the subject, give a hoot, and have 15 minutes, start by viewing the linked "IUID the Basics briefing" at ([http://www.pdamis.army.mil/CustomerSupport/IUIDBasics\\_29February2016.pdf](http://www.pdamis.army.mil/CustomerSupport/IUIDBasics_29February2016.pdf)).

One of the AMIS IUID missions is assisting the acquisition community with their IUID Implementation Plans. Most of those plans are prepared using LOGSA's Systems Planning and Requirements Software (SYSPARS). Its IUID planning module recently received a major revision, with AMIS providing subject matter expertise to that effort. Problems with SYSPARS IUID? Ask us. We're here to help you understand IUID and deal with its challenges. If you have a question or a problem, please ask.

There is a 99.9% chance that we know the answer or know who does.



Data Matrix

## Leader's Corner

*Mr. Jim Alexander, Product Leader*

Like a spring-fed pond, an active organization is always refreshing its pool of talent. People come, and people go. No matter who or how important a member of the organization is, when they leave for whatever reason the organization and the mission must go on. The people remaining and the new ones who come in adjust to the change and take over the tasks and responsibilities held by those who leave. I've thought about these things over the last few months as key members of AMIS departed, including our Deputy Product Lead. While lamenting their loss on a personal level, on a professional level I remain confident in the ability of a highly competent and dedicated staff, tested and proven contractors and the bright talent coming in, and that AMIS will continue to be the premier transportation and distribution IT solutions provider in the Army that we have come to be known as. My hearty thanks, best wishes and farewell to those leaving us and a warm welcome to those recently or soon to be joining us.



## Farewell to Lana Spalding

Lana Spalding joined what is now AMIS in January, 2004. Her recent retirement leaves a wide chasm in AMIS that will be difficult if not impossible to fill. After arriving as a graphics artist in the Marketing and Communications office, she assisted with various visual communications projects including newsletters, briefings, brochures, exhibits and administration of the AMIS Web site. Lana soon became an indispensable figure, a fitting characterization that marked her service for the next 12 years. Over the years she assumed more and more responsibilities, becoming the lead in AMIS's Strategic Communications efforts. She edited and published this newsletter, co-edited the AMIS ITV Operations and Training Newsletter, planned team-building and other special events and served as the AMIS Public Affairs point of contact. One cannot look in any direction in AMIS without seeing something that Lana designed, created, influenced, coordinated or displayed in her distinct professional style. Her quiet, confident, and warm personality has made her a trusted friend of many in AMIS as well as other PEO EIS organizations. We wish her a long and healthy retirement.



*Lana Spalding*

## Meet the Staff

AMIS is happy to announce the arrival of our new Deputy Product Lead, Ms. Nancy Richardson. Nancy comes to us highly qualified to take on the role of overseeing daily AMIS operations, ensuring efficient premier automated transportation and identification information technology solutions in support of the Soldier. In her previous assignment she served as an Acquisition Management Specialist in the Program Management Division (PMD), providing acquisition management support and guidance to multiple programs within PEO EIS. Prior to joining PEO EIS, she served as Product Support Manager for the Defense Agencies Initiative (DAI), an Acquisition Category (ACAT) IAM Major Automated Information System (MAIS) program, providing a single source for enterprise-wide financial visibility and access to timely, accurate and reliable financial information.



Nancy began her federal service as a Biomedical Engineer in the Defense Logistics Agency. She provided project management services to DOD medical treatment facilities worldwide in support of acquisition, implementation and sustainment of high-tech capital investment medical equipment, serving at Fort Detrick, Maryland and Falls Church, Virginia.

Ms. Richardson received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University. She is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps, and is Level III certified in Program Management and Life Cycle Logistics and Level II certified in Contracting. Ms. Richardson was awarded the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1998, one of the DLA Top 10 Outstanding Personnel of the Year awards in 2008, the DLA Troop Support Employee of the Year in 2010 and the DLA Superior Civilian Service Award in 2011.

## Reggie Madden Retires

On 24 February, 100 of his friends, associates, and family members gathered and celebrated the career and retirement of Reginald Madden, one of the pioneers of RF-ITV and AMIS Deputy Product Lead. Reggie came to AMIS in June of 2005 and served for the next 11 years. He began his involvement in the program in 1999 with the Unisys Corporation where he planned, organized and directed site surveys and business process engineering efforts to implement and upgrade the RF-ITV infrastructure. In 2005 he transitioned to the Government sector as a Logistics Management Specialist responsible for worldwide fielding, system integration, operational readiness and management of the RF-ITV system throughout the US combatant commands. In 2007 he deployed to Southwest Asia (SWA) where he served as PM J-AIT's Liaison Officer. After the merger with PD, Transportation Information Systems in 2012, he assumed operational responsibilities for the Transportation Coordinator's Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) in addition to the RF-ITV System and served as the AMIS Deputy Product Lead. Retired from the US Army,

Reggie never forgot his honored position as a First Sergeant, or his duty and devotion to Soldiers, the Army and the Nation. His outstanding service was acknowledged by the presentation of the Superior Civilian Service Award.



*Colonel Colclasure, PM, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program presents the Superior Civilian Service Award to Mr. Madden*



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