#### Multifunction Phased Array Radar Symposium II



"Moving Forward with Risk Reduction for Cost-Effective Service Improvements"

November 17-19, 2009

#### **Closing Remarks**

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#### **Overarching Comments**

- Heard Dr. Lyon provide key advice on elements for moving forward
- Learned from Dr. Toner the importance of NextGen and the potential role of MPAR in that program
- Reviewed the state of the technology, like
  - Progress in reducing cost and addressing dual polarization requirements
  - Development of adaptive scanning, model initialization, and other PAR capabilities
- Considered opportunities for service improvements not only in surveillance and weather, but also for other threats such as volcanic ash and wildland fires
- Got an initial look at the technology challenges we will be addressing

#### **Symposium Objectives**

- Review MPAR risk-reduction implementation strategy
- Discuss MPAR multifunctionality with respect to agency needs, priorities, and principles of operation
- Review the progress of MPAR-related research and development
- Highlight potential service improvements with respect to air surveillance (including threats), weather, and other mission enhancement opportunities
- Explore the challenges to delivering a cost-effective phased array radar capability

#### **Expected Symposium Outcomes**

- Gather additional information regarding:
  - **§** MPAR concept of operations and requirements
  - Surrent and future management approaches and strategy for moving forward
  - § Need to perform cross-cut studies that lead to detailed cost-benefit analysis
  - § MPAR technical issues and additional evaluation actions to be conducted by:
    - Federal laboratories
    - Industry
    - Academia
    - Other Federal element sectors (e.g., frequency management)
  - Opportunities to leverage existing technology

#### **Actions and Way Ahead**

- Near-term actions:
  - Complete and distribute Symposium Summary Report
  - Refresh the Implementation Strategy
  - Conduct MPAR Executive Council, December 14, 2009

#### **Actions and Way Ahead**

- Items for continued focus for the OFCM-sponsored Working Group and Executive Council
  - **§** Preliminary cost-benefit analysis
  - § Mission needs assessment
    - Identify current radar-related shortfalls and needed improvements
    - Consider both technology / equipment and services
  - § Identify technical challenges; develop unified R&D plan
  - **§** MPAR relationship to the JPDO-coordinated Integrated Surveillance CONOPS
  - § Nail down management approach option and its tie to JPDO-recommended integrated surveillance governance
  - **§** Leveraging opportunities
  - § Spectrum analysis

#### **Presentation Availability**



- Presentations and other material will be available on the OFCM web site shortly after the symposium.
- Click on "Special Projects" and navigate to "Multifunction Phased Array Radar Symposium"

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#### **Special Recognition**

**MPAR Executive Council MPAR Working Group** Keynote Speaker: Dr. Randolph Lyon, OMB Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Karlin Toner, DOT The University of Oklahoma **Participants Moderators / Panelists OFCM / STC Staff NSSL Staff** 

#### **Thank You!**

# Thank you for attending and participating in this symposium!

#### On behalf of the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology

### Have a safe trip home...

**And Thanks Again!** 

