Partner Opportunities

Committee participants: FS, BLM, NRCS, AZ, CO, WA, OR, WY, NHQ

**Charge**: Compile success stories concerning new opportunities for funding and cooperative agreements within the NCSS.

Are there new and better ways of doing business?
Partner Opportunities

- Soil Survey Production (inventory activities, data collection, correlation)

- Expanding use of technology tools.
Partner Opportunities

- Identify Barriers:
  - NCSS Standards
    - Database requirements....NASIS
    - Private lands - needed for programs, CST
    - Public lands - may need some flexibility
      - enough data to correlate and interpret.
  - Parallel efforts with database development
    - NASIS and TERRA
Partner Opportunities

- A standard soil survey is defined as meeting NCSS standards and being correlated to those standards.

- Issue: some inconsistency in applying the standards.
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- For proceedings: Capture success stories from balance of conference members:
  - Identify what accomplished
  - What process
  - Examples of product
  - Contracts, Agreements
  - Budgets
  - What to avoid
Partner Opportunities

- Keep partnering as a committee.
- Continue to have presentations on Partner successes.
- Identify Barriers and come up with strategies to Address them.
Partner Opportunities

- Advertise to line officers our cooperative successes. RO/STC/STD/Dept. Head

- Expand the partners: Extend invites to Nature conservancy, ARS, Military, Tribes, City, County, SCD, etc.

- Work to fill holes in database with:
  - Reimbursable’s, Private Sector,
Partner Opportunities

- Develop or design a listing of Interagency Govt service contractors that are approved by the agencies.

- Develop a Certification Process for Mapping Soil Scientists:
  - NSCSS.

- Shared Correlator Position: FS/NRCS ++
Partner Opportunities

- Treat this session as a beginning.

- Continue committee efforts as a means of information transfer.

- Tools out there, People there, use them.