

## WM2017 Conference Panel Report

### PANEL SESSION 2: Hot Topics in US DOE Environmental Management

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#### **Panelists:**

1. **Stacy Charboneau**, *Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Field Operations for EM, US DOE*
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3. **Candice Trummell**, *Associate Principal DAS for Corporate Services for EM, US DOE*
4. **Ralph Holland**, *DAS for Acquisition & Project Management, and Director, EMCBC US DOE*

#### **Summary of Presentations**

**Stacy Charboneau**, the Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Field Operations for EM, discussed how EM was shifting to much more field-oriented processes and organization. The goal is to provide the EM site managers with more authority and resources to successfully carry out the EM mission.

**Candice Trummell**, Associate Principal DAS for Corporate Services, explained how the Budget and Human Resource organizations were providing greater support to the field.

**Ralph Holland**, the DAS for Acquisition & Project Management and Director of EMCBC, described the shift to empowering the field procurement officials to make more decisions. The business clearance process has been streamlined to permit the field offices to go directly to the overall DOE Procurement Office without an intermediary review by EM HQ.

His areas of focus and emphasis were:

- Better utilization of small business, with potentially stronger enforcement of small business goals
- Looking at approaches to drive down the costs of preparing a proposal, particularly for the cost volume. He committed to sharing the results with industry to get feedback
- Identifying ways to reduce the number of change orders and process them quicker
- Continuing to involve communities in acquisition planning and execution
- Defining what is “meaningful work” for small business

Given the emphasis of the new Administration on infrastructure, **Ms. Charboneau** said that EM has been looking at this and is prepared to identify opportunities to utilize infrastructure funding. She stated that EM is constantly seeking cost savings but inflation often eats up much.