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Dear Colleagues,

At a meeting with NCSD in April, 2005, the idea of "guiding principles" for PM was presented in an effort to provide some structure and direction to what was a new process for all of us involved. Some of the recommended principles outlined at that meeting were new, some were an affirmation of things already known or in practice. DSTDP agreed to consider these recommended principles. Over the last 12 months, DSTDP has sought input and feedback on the recommended principles from a variety of stakeholders, including NCSD and representatives from individual project areas. At the PM Consultation convened in Atlanta in January, 2006, the need for guiding principles was revisited. Some of the recommendations from the consultation were new, but many were similar to what was recommended in April, 2005.

After much time reviewing the recommendations, soliciting input and feedback from a variety of sources, and careful deliberation, the DSTDP has approved a set of guiding principles. There are two attachments to this email. The first is a simple list of the guiding principles approved by DSTDP. The second attachment contains the guiding principles that were originally recommended and a detailed explanation of the rationale DSTDP used in deciding whether to approve what was recommended. Please know that, while all the recommended principles were not approved, each one generated thoughtful discussion and, in some cases, debate. In addition to recommending guiding principles, NCSD posed several questions related to PM activities. The second attachment above contains DSTDP answers to those questions.

At the consultation in January, there were also several recommendations for PM for 2007. There were recommendations for adding, modifying, and deleting. Discussions on these recommendations continue, and we hope to have decisions shortly.

Thanks,

The Performance Measures Workgroup