



U.S. Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center Partners with IBM to Purchase New Technology

Monterey, CA--The U.S. Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, the Department of Defense's primary production site for operational meteorological and oceanographic analysis and forecast products worldwide, today announced it has awarded IBM a five-year purchase agreement to upgrade its computer technology.

Fleet Numerical, based in Monterey, California, said it would use IBM hardware, software and services to refresh the Applications, Transactions and Observation Subsystem (ATOS) component of its Primary Oceanographic Prediction System (POPS) production suite. ATOS provides communications, data handling, data distribution, meteorological and oceanographic applications and visualization, and Web services to help Fleet Numerical provide vital products and services to the Navy and other U.S. forces all over the world.

The purchase agreement is designed to accommodate growing Navy technology requirements and other system upgrades. IBM has developed similar weather data processing systems for industry leaders such as Weather.com and The Weather Channel.

"We are excited about this opportunity to partner with a great company like IBM", said CAPT Chris Gunderson, Commanding Officer of Fleet Numerical. "Our ATOS data handling and data distribution requirements push the envelope on technology, and I am confident that IBM will help us meet this challenge through a modern e-business style architecture that will set the example for support of the Navy's net-centric warfare concept."

The combined Navy-IBM team will be headquartered in Monterey for the duration of the agreement.

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