

Planning and Coordination Supporting Request

SEW activities provide a bridge between the networking and IT R&D community and the larger arena of government policymakers and IT implementers. SEW's partnership with GSA and the Federal Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council supports the Collaborative Expedition Workshops to encourage collaboration among government and community implementers of IT and to demonstrate promising IT capabilities emerging from Federal research. NSF often co-sponsors these events and invites researchers to give talks on SEW-related topics in order to bridge gaps between research and policy. The workshops draw participants from Federal, state, and local government, academia, industry, and other communities. The focus is on emerging technologies for applications in such areas as emergency preparedness and response, environmental protection, public health and health care systems, government information services for citizens, and agency projects under the Administration's Federal Enterprise Architecture and E-government initiatives. Impacts of the workshops include:

Spread of Wiki technology: Growing use of cost-effective, efficient tool for collaborative work across the Federal government; has fostered:

- **Communities of Practice (CoPs):** More than a dozen groups totaling more than 1,000 participants (e.g., Grants.gov CoPs, IT Performance Management Community, Enterprise Process Improvement, Knowledge Management Working Group, Semantic Interoperability, Spatial Ontology, XML, Federal XBRL, GeoSpatial, Service-Oriented Architecture, Agile Financial Data Services, Health Information Technology