The Inventory/Demonstration Workgroup was charged with determining the availability of on-line training modules at the various institutions in the Southern Region and selecting items from among those available to be used in a demonstration at the August PLC meeting.

The workgroup met by conference call on March 18 to plan the procedure for conducting the inventory of on-line training. Virginia Tech agreed to develop a brief survey form and a temporary website at which the submitted modules could be located and manipulated by the workgroup. Members of the workgroup agreed to be the primary contacts at their institutions to ensure submission of modules to the website.

The workgroup met again by conference call on April 11 to divide the responsibility of reviewing the modules being placed in the inventory. Those agreeing to serve as reviewers include: Fran Wolak, ANR; Susan Seal, FCS; Rich Poling, CRD; Judith Jones, 4-H; JoAnn Hinz, Professional Development.

At the April 24-25 meeting of the CECP, an existing task force of the PLC volunteered to work with the Inventory/Demonstration Workgroup to include their on-line project on New Agent Orientation as part of the August PLC demonstration. The IT Workgroup formed a small subgroup, headed by Don Hamilton, to assist the I/D Workgroup in the development of the demonstration.

The I/D Workgroup was given an additional task by the CECP at the April meeting. That task is to explore the perspective of how the on-line curriculum, once developed, will be used by CES employees and faculty developers. Paul Warner, Judith Jones, and JoAnn Hinz accepted the task and will seek information on the following issues: 1) incentives for developers; 2) technical support needed by developers; 3) new skills and new tools needed by our organizations; 4) extent of employees’ use, i.e., simple to more complex applications; and 5) training needed by our employees.

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