

Members of the ESWG community,

Since its debut in 2003, PBMA's Enhanced Security Work Groups have served the NASA community well by providing a secure collaboration tool for thousands of groups and tens of thousands of members. Over the years however, the commercial provider of the ESWGs stopped developing new enhancements for the tool, and last year they informed the NASA Safety Center (NSC) of their intent to cease all support for the product.

Rather than discontinue offering a secure collaboration tool altogether, the NSC began a search of affordable systems that would offer similar capabilities to those offered through ESWG as well as some newer functionality. After comparing a number of options, the NSC identified Knowledge Now, the knowledge management solution originally developed for the U.S. Air Force by Triune Group.

A pilot of NSC Knowledge Now (NSCKN) was conducted in the fall of 2010, and participants found that the tool did indeed compare favorably to what they were used to in ESWG. This result, in addition to the fact that as a federal agency NASA would be able to leverage the development dollars invested in Knowledge Now by the U.S. Air Force, led to the NSC's decision to acquire Knowledge Now as a replacement for ESWG.

Over the next few months, the NSC will be migrating groups from ESWG to NSCKN. Prior to each group's migration, the NSC will contact the group's founder to work out the migration schedule and to identify which content items from the existing ESWG should be moved rather than archived.

At this time you do not need to take any action. Continue to use your workgroup as before. In the very near future, new workgroup requests will be fulfilled through the establishment of a Community of Practice in NSCKN rather than ESWG. Over the next few weeks you will receive more information about NSCKN, the migration, and decisions that need to be made for each existing ESWG.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

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