



Advisory Group Meeting



January 12, 2005

Agenda



- Welcome
- Purpose and Expected Outcome
- Project Updates
- COMPASS Presentation and Next Steps
- Coal Vertical Presentation and Next Steps
- Next Meeting Date

Purpose and Expected Outcome



➤ Purpose:

- To provide updates on the Business Gateway initiative and to recommend next steps for the COMPASS Profiler and the Coal Vertical Pilot.

➤ Expected Outcome:

- Recommendation for the Governance Board on a Go/No-Go Decision on funding the COMPASS and Coal Vertical Teams' Recommendations.



PROJECT UPDATES



MOU's



BUSINESS GATEWAY PLANNING FOR '05



COMPASS Presentation

COMPASS PRESENTATION



- COMPASS Background
- COMPASS Status
- Demonstration
- Incorporating COMPASS in Business.gov
- COMPASS Team Recommendation
- Go/No-Go Decision on Recommendation
- Next Steps

What is COMPASS?



- A tool that is designed to direct a business user to regulatory information and applicable tools specific to their industry.

COMPASS Background



- COMPASS workgroup participants.
 - EPA
 - DOL/OSHA
 - DOE
 - IRS
- Development time-frame.
- Contractor support.

COMPASS Status



➤ COMPASS URL.

- **A working prototype of the COMPASS Profiler is accessible at:**

<http://java.belzabar.com/profiler/Profiler>

➤ Functionality.

➤ Supporting database.

➤ Administrative interface.

➤ No usability testing to date.

Demonstration



- On-line demonstration of COMPASS.

Benefits of COMPASS



➤ Benefits to Business

- One-stop for business compliance information
- Quick access to compliance tools and resources
- Increased understanding of regulatory obligations
- Portal to more information at participating agencies websites

Benefits of COMPASS



➤ Benefits to Agencies

- Research findings applicable to individual agencies
- Dynamic flow of users between the Business Gateway and appropriate agency websites
- Content/technologies developed for Business Gateway can be re-used by agencies
- Constituency development and performance measurement analysis used to improve services and achieve missions

Lessons Learned



- Requirements for a production-quality system must be developed.
- Executive support is critical for staff to have time and access to work on the project.
- A dedicated staff member responsible for coordinating the project within the agency and reporting to the Business Gateway team must be assigned.

COMPASS Team Recommendation



- Conduct a Requirements Analysis.
 - Required work is already in Business Gateway budget.
- Suggested Agencies For Inclusion.
 - EPA, DOL/OSHA, DOE, IRS, DOT, Commerce
- Executive support for COMPASS Team members
 - Dedicated FTE from each agency as single point-of-contact
- Based on outcomes of the Requirements Analysis there will be a Go/No-Go Decision on a COMPASS Pilot

Go/No-Go Recommendation



- Discussion of strengths and challenges of COMPASS.
- Go/No-Go Recommendation for the Governance Board on the COMPASS Team's Recommendation.



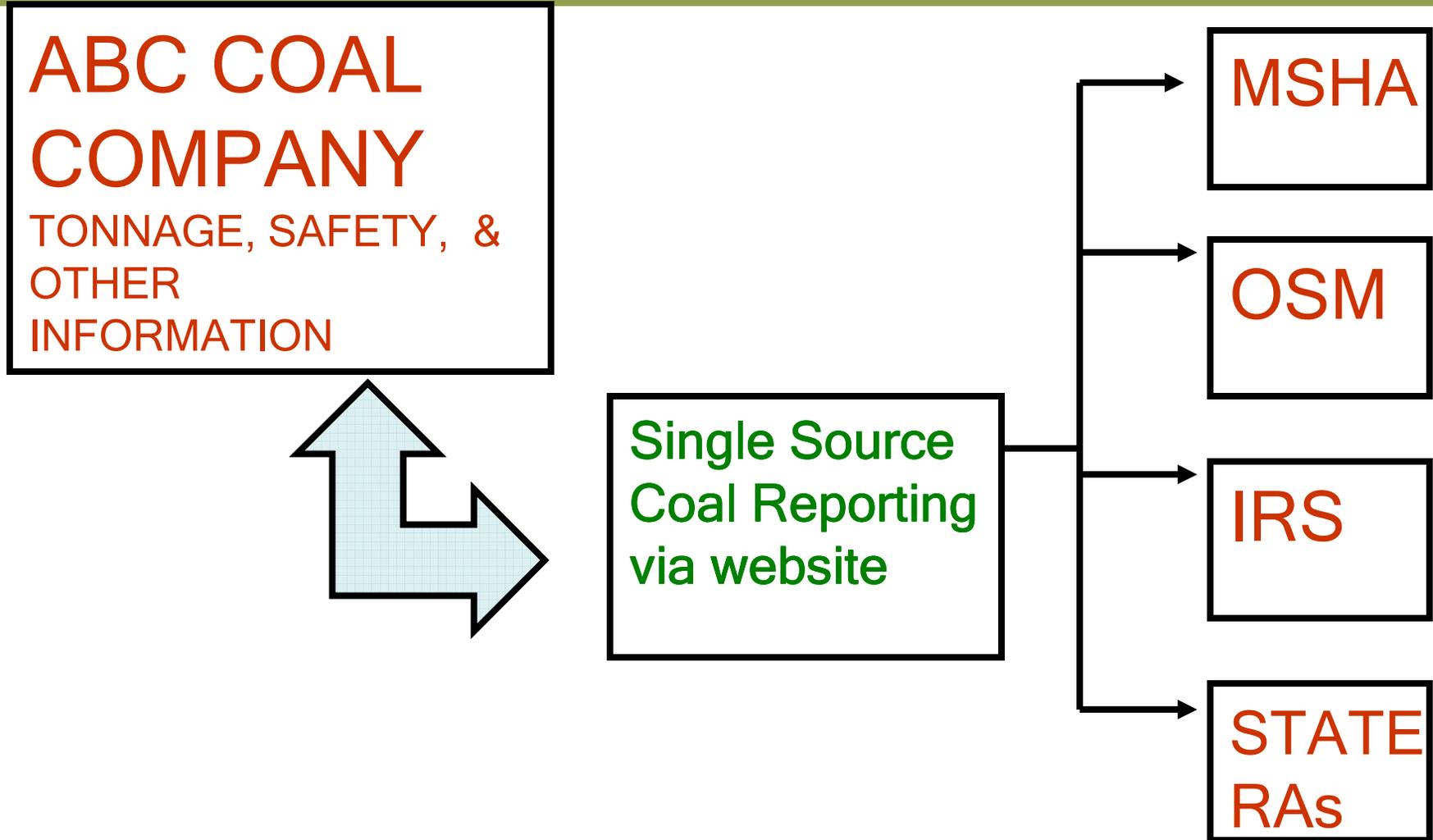
COAL VERTICAL PRESENTATION



Customer initiated, business driven idea, requested by industry, and initiated by a State Regulatory Authority.

Purpose: to reduce industry reporting burden through the sharing of reported information

Simple Idea



E-Gov Goals



- We will be focused on the customer instead of our traditional approach of focusing on departments and agencies.
- Reduce redundancy,
- Facilitate horizontal (cross-federal) and vertical (federal, state and local) information sharing,
- The FEA framework will guide the interfaces between systems and the re-use of data and applications where appropriate.
- Common solutions to deliver simplified and unified outcomes...

Expanding E-Government Partnering for a Results-Oriented Government

Karen Evans, December 2004

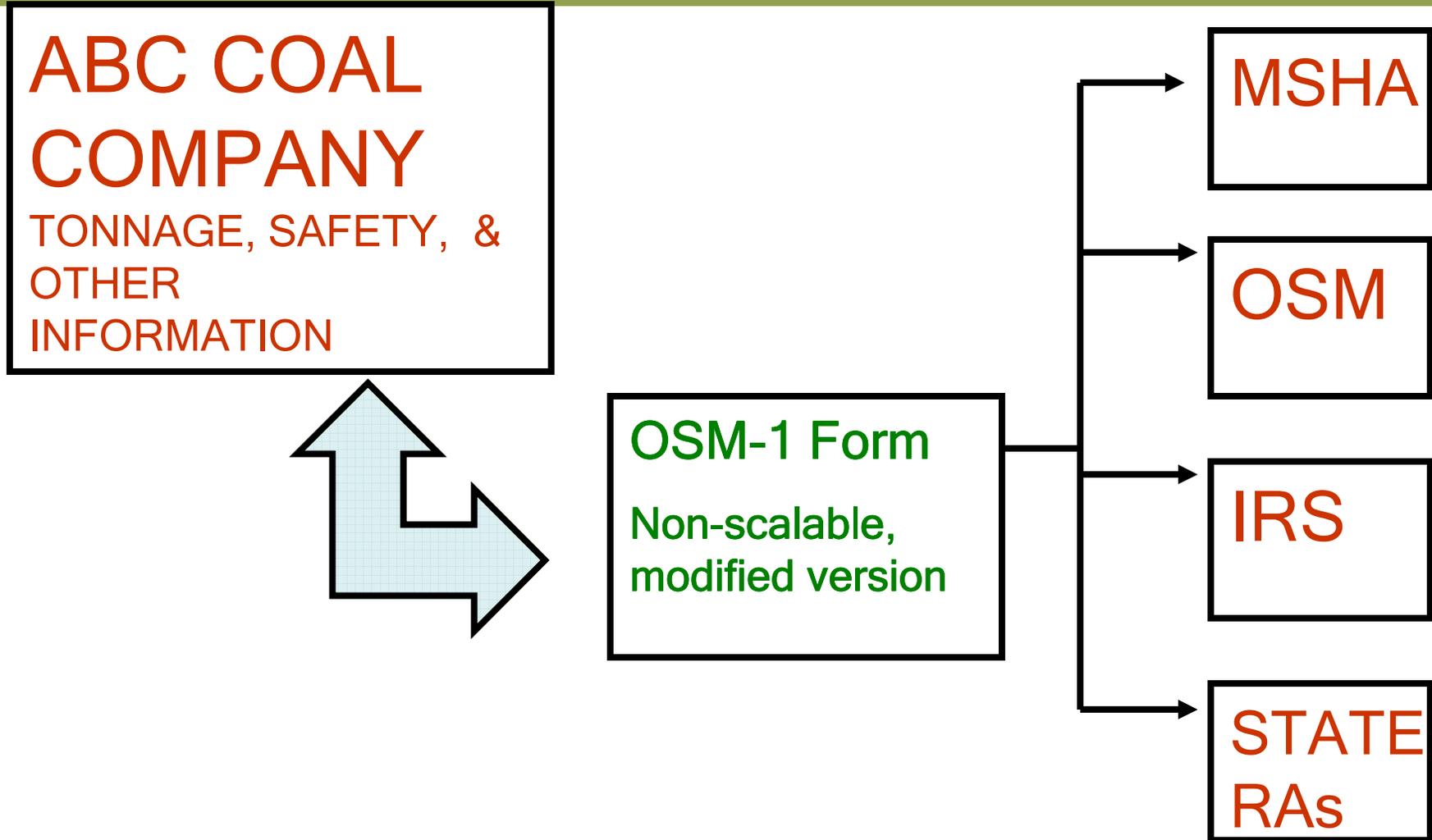
BUSINESS GATEWAY GOALS



*“The objective of the BG is to provide a “one-stop” service network that greatly **simplifies and streamlines the relationship between government and businesses.** The Gateway will provide businesses with **tools to find information, comply with government laws and regulations,** and receive assistance much more rapidly than they can today.”*

Justin Van Epps (Ltr. 10/18/2004)

History



Results of Proof of Concept



- Tested by 20 companies from 7 states
- 80% of testers rated the burden reduction as significant or moderate
- Testers are still using the modified version for reporting

Partners & Stakeholders



- Department of Labor's Mine Safety Health Administration
 - (Safety Information Reporting)
- Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining
 - (Production Information Reporting –AML)
- Internal Revenue Service
 - (Production Information for excise tax)
- Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration
 - (uses MSHA data for forecasting and making reports)
- State Regulatory Authorities
 - (variety of agencies that mirror federal functions)

Partner Benefits:



- Data Consistency
- Lower cost for data entry – being done by the company on-line
- Lower costs in mailing and follow-up work. Fewer errors and discrepancies
- eGov & GPEA Goals
- OMB / NIST Guidelines for e-Authentication
- HSPD-12 requirements for digital signatures and identity management
- Section 508
- Privacy Act
- FOIA



Options



1. Create system that provides industry with a single point of data entry and partners with separate data files for each receiving entity
Costs and time: \$460,000 and 45 weeks
2. Create system that provides industry with a single point of data entry and provides partners with access to data but requires parsing effort
Costs and time: \$275,000 and 28 weeks
3. Create single point of entry to multiple mining forms, providing industry no data entry reductions and partners continue to receive separate forms.
Costs and time: \$0 and almost complete

Progress Report



2003

- **Three Federal partners: MSHA, OSM, IRS
and one State partner: PADEP**
- **Industry tested by 20 companies from seven states**

2004

- **Added States: Virginia & Illinois**
- **Business Requirement Document Completed**
- **XML schema produced**
- **Alternative analysis for technical implementation completed**

Coal Vertical Recommendation



- Based on re-use of technology developed for BLM's WIS
- Implementation of application for host would take 28 weeks
- Implementation of application for host would cost \$275,000
- Expand harmonized miner reporting to include additional federal agencies and additional states

Go/No-Go Recommendation



- Discussion of strengths and challenges of the Coal Vertical pilot.
- Go/No-Go Recommendation for the Governance Board on the Coal Vertical Team's Recommendation.

Conclusion



➤ Next steps

- Advisory Group meeting, Wednesday, February 2nd, 1-3 pm at the SBA
- Governance Board meeting Wednesday, February 9th, 1-3 p.m. at the SBA

➤ Closing comments