

## **NAATS HQ E-Mail Update Vol. 5 #59**

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Still no word on the injunction, spoke with the attorney's office yesterday and they promised to let me know as soon as they hear anything.

The Senate has been through a couple of bills this week, none of them being the TTHUD appropriations bill. As of this morning, it looks like they will be taking up the Roberts nomination next so we may very well end up with a continuing resolution. Even if the bill should make it to the floor by the end of next week, it will never make it out of conference in time.

The agency still has not made a determination on MIV, maybe by November 1<sup>st</sup> they can pull their collective heads out of their collective (you know whats) and make a decision.

I spoke to LM this week and asked when some information might be released, and they are working on changes to the web site and you should see those within a week or so. It will be some information, but certainly not what you all are looking for.

The Office of Competitive Sourcing held its Transition Readiness Review meeting yesterday and they are going ahead with the transition on October 4th as planned. Not that there was any doubt in my mind, ready or not here they come!

We are going to send the information that was discussed at the BOD meeting last week out to the dues paying members home address, but in order to get the information out ASAP it will also be sent via email and posted for those with a computer. For those of you out there that will look to criticize it, please bring a solution along with your criticism. This BOD is one of the finest groups of individuals that I have had the pleasure to work with, they have had nothing but one tough decision to make after another. Some of them have gotten job offers and will be moving on, and I wish them all the best. We will be running special elections in those regions to back fill behind them, we've still got a lot of work to do and need people willing to step up. This is about making sure you have representation down the road, it's up to you.

Scott Malon, Bill Dolan, and Kile Pitts have been doing a great job trying to sort through issues and another arbitration is scheduled for next Wednesday. This is a great team, although Kile needs to take a few more singing lessons!

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