

File 20111021.1232: Phone call from Kevin Miller. The DIOS programme next door has some possible work for me. Kevin will send me an introduction email to Mark Nelson. DIOS are working on the NSA cloud stack with OS and middleware. Large Hadoop cluster in a rack. One of the rack spaces will be for an RM. They are trying to get approval from management to go after the proposal.

In another possibility, STRATCOM recently sent a request to Jim Quinn who sent it to Steve Bean who sent it to RM. The request is for the ultimate security system, hardware and software. The question seems impossibly vague to me without further information, but it could be a very interesting research project. If it goes through, I could work on it.

Basically, Kevin said, they have no charge number for me past 31 October. Other people are in the same boat. I asked Kevin, am I on the off-load list? Kevin said no (in a vague manner). But after 1st November, they have to find me something else. I told him I would try to get myself out of this jam so that he doesn't have to worry about me and can spend his time worrying about other things. The problem remains that the Navy switched to the new business model (higher taxes on all task orders) and some 90 out of a hundred of the existing T.O. don't have that tax built in. Fewer than ten have the new tax figured into them. The existing task orders won't get the new overhead fixture for up to a year (time to get all of them out of the pipeline) and so during that time, the RM programme is underfunded by about 2 million dollars. Olav was the big pusher for this new business model. Olav convinced Dan, but Olav didn't think of all the consequences. The shortfall is about 2 million dollars.

I am not going to get laid off before January. But—I have to find charge numbers for November and December. I asked Kevin for permission to switch into Asperger's mode and asked if I am on the off-load list. He denied it, in a wishy-washy manner.

Tip for dealing with Mike Vanportfliet: he doesn't like to hear excuses why I can't make something work. Kevin suggests keeping that firmly in mind whenever interacting with or communicating with Mr Vanportfliet.

DIOS does R&D for the Navy; they are doing the next generation of DCGS DIB (sp. of 'DIB'?).

References