Flood early warning

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**A Capstone Statement of Work**

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**Introduction - Jake**

**PROJECT TITLE:**  Flood Early warning

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**PROJECT SPONSOR:** INDRHI

**TEAM NAME:**  WEL Water

The goal of this Capstone project is to create a GIS database that can be used to predict floods in the Dominican Republic. This will allow INDRHI officials to send timely warnings to citizens living in affected areas. The database will not be expected to create warnings on its own; rather, it should be easily integrated into existing online dashboards, and assist in data consolidation. In an effort to achieve this goal, team members will spend weekly meetings familiarizing themselves with datasets, such as ONAMET and NOAA precipitation forecasts, and programs, such as ArcGIS Pro, in order to create said database. Team members will meet with INDRHI officials in November to better understand the requirements of INDRHI. Weekly reports will be taken to measure team progress throughout the semester, with an expectation that 30% of the project will be completed by December 6th, 2018. Team members will travel to the Dominican Republic in January 2019 in order to receive direct feedback from INDRHI officials. It is expected that teams will spend October to December of 2018 simply learning the tools necessary for the project.

**Proposed Work Plan - Hunter**

During our weekly meetings, our team will gather either in a study room or a CAEDM laboratory on the campus of Brigham Young University to explore and seek to understand the data that is available for use. This will include a familiarity with NOAA, GFS, and ONAMET data, which includes precipitation forecasts, historical precipitation, and historical streamflow data for the Dominican Republic. Throughout this process, other types of data may also be found and utilized.

The team will test the compatibility of this data with ArcGIS software to create different layers and functions that can be used to predict flooding in the Dominican Republic. Since we will not meet with the representatives from the country until November 6-8 and again upon visit to the country, all work will be used to prepare ideas focused on the use of the data, ArcGIS, and other software (such as HVH) to best fit the needs of the country.

While performing this research, our team will be in contact with Fidel Perez via email. Fidel is the focal point of contact with the team in the Dominican Republic. As we produce ideas, we will send them to Fidel to verify if they meet the scope that he needs. Fidel and other representatives from the country will come to the U.S. from Novemeber 6-8, at which time we will meet and organize a clear scope and expectations of the project.

At the end of January, our team will make a ten day visit to the Dominican Republic to present our ideas pertaining to the use of the data and software mentioned above and collect feedback. At that time, we will solidify the scope and define the deliverables that our team will create.

Upon our return to the U.S., our team will continual to meet weekly to produce the promised deliverable items, which will be ready for use by the team in the Dominican Republic by April 25th, 2019.

**Schedule - Chris**

Important Dates:

* Nov 6-8: INDRHI visit at BYU
* December 10: 30% Completion Report
* Jan 25 – Feb 3: Visit to the Dominican Republic
* April 8-12: Final Project Presentation

Pre-visit weekly meetings, held Thursdays at 8:00 AM:

* Oct 11
  + Real-time precipitation data from operating stations
  + Shapefiles of rivers, watershed divisions, and provinces
  + Request example of bulletin
* Oct 18
  + NOAA GFS Precipitation Forecast
  + Transfer forecast to contours
* Oct 25
  + ONAMET Precipitation Forecast
  + Transfer forecast to contours
* Nov 1
  + Preparation for meeting with INDRHI
* Nov 8
  + Hydrographs from Hec-HMS and GSSHA for GFS and ONAMET forecasts
* Nov 15
  + Meeting with Dr. Amanda Hughes from IT
  + Flood Tags
* Nov 29:
  + Investigate additional data, such as Landsat aerial imagery
* Dec 6
  + Review 30% Completion Report
* Jan 10:
  + Review previously studied data-sets to determine which will be most helpful
* Jan 17:
  + Preparation for site visit
  + Presentation of how investigated data can be useful to INDRHI for flood warning
* Jan 24:
  + Final preparations for site visit

Post-visit tasks:

* Develop GIS that compiles each dataset to help inform decision makers
* Prepare data to be added to an online dashboard
* Validation of BYU Stream Flow Prediction Tool in the Dominican Republic
* Prepare final poster
* Prepare final presentation

**Facilities, Tools, Data and Equipment - Jake**

Facilities:

* BYU
  + BYU facilities, such as the CAEDM lab and Engineering Building study rooms, will be used for team meetings as well as data research and compilation.
* INDHRI
  + INDHRI facilities in the Dominican Republic will be used in meeting with INDHRI officials.

Tools:

* ArcGIS Pro
  + ArcGIS Pro will be used to combine various layers of data into a final deliverable.
* Tethys Portal
  + BYU’s Tethys Portal will be used for data collection.
* Floodtags.com
  + Floodtags.com will be used to assist with flood tracking and warning using social media.
* HydroServer Lite
  + HydroServer Lite will be used for data collection.

Data:

* OMANET/NOAA/NWS
  + Weather and precipitation forecasts from the Oficina Nacional de Meteorologia, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, and National Weather Service will be analyzed to establish weather and flooding patterns.
* Other shapefiles
  + Various other shapefiles will be found to assist with the project. These may include rivers, streams, water levels, vegetation, etc.

Equipment:

* It is not anticipated that any specialized equipment will be necessary for the completion of this project. Computers will be used for the analysis and manipulation of acquired data.

**Project Budget - Chris**

Team Meetings:

* Team meetings will occur weekly until the final deliverables are presented.
* Each meeting is estimated to take 60-75 minutes.
* The total estimated meeting time is 25 hours.

Data Research:

* To understand each of the datasets mentioned above, research will be conducted outside of meeting times.
* This research needs to be completed by January 25, 2018.
* The total estimated research time is 40 hours.

Reports and Presentations:

* Weekly reports will be completed as part of team meetings.
* The 30% Completion report will be a summary of the first 3 months of work.
* The first 3 weeks of January will be used to prepare to present researched data to INDRHI during the site visit.
* The final presentation and will be completed during the ten weeks following the site visit.
* The total estimated time for preparing reports and presentations (excluding the weekly reports) is 40 hours.

Site Visit

* The duration of the site visit will be 10 days, including travel.
* This is estimated to include 6-7 work days, or 50 hours.

Final Deliverables:

* The final product will include GIS and perhaps a web-based dashboard.
* This will be developed during the 10 weeks following the site visit.
* The total estimated time is 120 hours.

Total Hours:

* The current total estimated time for this project is 280 hours.

**Deliverables - Chris**

The deliverables for this project include:

1. Short, regular status reports documenting challenges, solutions, and progress.
2. A presentation summarizing recommendations of datasets to use for flood warning, delivered during the site visit in January.
3. A GIS database for use of decision makers containing each desired dataset. This data will be prepared such that it can be added to an online dashboard.
4. A final report summarizing the GIS data and functionality.
5. A poster reflecting a summary of the project.
6. A presentation given to the client summarizing the findings of the project.

**Performance Standards**

Team will provide work for this Capstone project “as is” using best practices and with best effort. Project results cannot be construed as work performed by licensed professionals and cannot be used as “stamped deliverables” without first being reviewed, approved and stamped by a qualified and relevant license professional engineer.

**Statement of Qualification - Hunter**

Dr. Jim Nelson:

Dr. Nelson is a professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department in the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering at Brigham Young University. He has worked at the school since 1989. He holds a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Ph.D. of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Brigham Young University. He is the primary architect of the Watershed Modeling System (WMS) used by thousands of government, education, and private institutions worldwide. He specializes in Hydrology and GIS systems.

Fidel Perez:

Fidel is the head of the Department of Hydrology at the Dominican National Institute of Water Resources.

Jason Biesinger:

Jason is Master's Student at Brigham Young University, working under Dr. Nelson. Jason has been working with the Dominican National Institute of Water Resources to develop software tools intended to make data analysis easier.

Amanda Hughes:

Amanda is an Assistant Professor of Information Technology at Brigham Young University. She holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from BYU and a Master's degree and Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Colorado Boulder. She is a recognized research leader in Crisis Informatics.

Corey Krewson:

Corey is a Master's student at Brigham Young University who works with Dr. Nelson.

Rohit Khattar:

Chris Edwards, Jacob Lewis, and Hunter Williams:

Chris, Jacob, and Hunter are undergraduate students at Brigham Young University in their senior year, each pursuing bachelor's degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering

**Appendix A**

<C lick to add a one-page resume for each team member with each resume on a new page by itself. Add other Appendices as necessary for data, numerical results and result summary tables, software/app source code & sample software/app execution, etc.>