

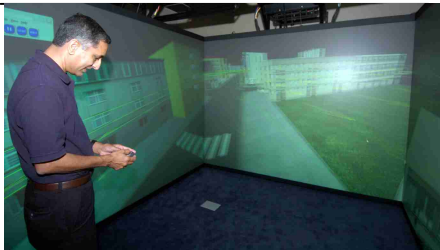


Group Intelligence Flash

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...collaboration technology can transform vision into success.



State-of-the-Art Collaborative and Visualization Technology provides a vehicle for Faculty to test and apply new ways of multi-stakeholder decision making.



Welcome

In this first issue of "Group Intelligence Flash" we welcome you into the fascinating world of high-tech meeting and decision making. At UNO BellSouth Technology Center (BTC), our mission is to apply the latest decision making technologies to the business challenges of the region. In each issue we will present updates on our projects that we hope will inspire you to make new effective uses of technology with your decision making team.

BTC is one of an orchestrated set of initiatives being developed by the UNO College Business Administration focused on helping serve and rebuild business and community. For example, the Global Entrepreneurship Initiative (GEI) provides a "sustained program of entrepreneurship education and assistance to business and entrepreneurs." BTC provides GEI with much of the technology to make it more effective. For more information on College initiatives visit www.UNObusiness.com.

Empower Your Meeting

In its central mission, BTC will help you achieve your goals by facilitating your meetings with the most productive technologies known. The facilitator designs the group's unique program by incorporating components from the GroupSystems software, such as brainstorming, voting, idea organization, and group writing and uses life size virtual reality technology to display designs.

ADVANTAGES

MORE CREATIVITY
BROAD INPUT
ANONYMOUS INPUT
FOCUS ON ISSUES

CONSIDER MULTIPLE VIEWS
DEVELOP CONSENSUS
PRIORITIZE ACTIONS
COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION

A Better Jackson Barracks for the Louisiana National Guard

After hearing about the exciting possibilities for a new better Jackson Barracks, BTC went into action to write a grant proposal to make its decision making services available to the guard. If funded, advanced decision making methods will be applied to a critical design.



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In the works:

- University of Arizona, University of Houston, Florida State University, and LSU researches will descend on New Orleans to plot the future of collaborative technology at BTC
- IT Futures meeting discusses the future of IT in the region
- Marketing with BellSouth
- Hosting LTC Tech Tuesday
- Promoting the LTC student chapter
- With GEI, the connection, a database of entrepreneurs and resources

Since a facilitator designs a group's unique program by incorporating components from the GroupSystems software, virtually any type of meeting can be developed.

SAMPLE MEETING TYPES

- STRATEGIC PLANNING
- TEAM BUILDING
- BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- FOCUS GROUPS
- DESIGN REVIEW
- SCENARIO TRAINING
- BUDGETING



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TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES**Voting "In" Effectiveness at BellSouth External Affairs**

When BellSouth External Affairs Department came to BTC for a strategic planning meeting, they wanted to discuss the challenges completing a variety of tasks with a lean staff. Dr. Walsh said, "Let's vote!" By voting on their priorities, the External Affairs team could focus on their highest priorities and develop more consensus on what the priorities should be.

A Foundation of Research

Researchers at BTC test and evaluate new tools and processes to help make teams more effective. As a leader in research, BTC is at the forefront of such processes and builds a foundation of knowledge available to the University and the community. Publications of its work build the reputation of the University and College of Business Administration.

The facilities and expertise at the Center allow it to partner with other researchers and centers to write innovative proposals and develop new capabilities, particularly when interdisciplinary talents are required.

The "Decision-Making Technology Test-Drive"

Experience the Power

December 6, 2006, 8-9am

A great way to experience the power of the BTC technologies is to attend a Decision-Making Technology Test-Drive." You will participate in a problem solving session and you will experience the immersive 3D virtual reality environment. Participants have told us they developed an understanding of how BTC could help their organizations from these sessions.

Reserve your seat now!

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