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Observing Programme Support Centre (OPSC) evaluation

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Call for Letters of Intent

- JCOMM-II asked for JCOMMOPS review
 - Consultations with
 - DBCP, SOT, Argo, GLOSS, OceanSITES, POGO, IOCCP
 - OCG-II
 - JCOMMOPS successful
 - Need for OPSC
 - Programme support: Performance monitoring, system design, improving efficiency/effectiveness
 - Sept 2007: JCL calling for LoI
 - 15 candidates
 - Belgium, China, Columbia, El Salvador, India, Italy, Finland, 2 x France, Korea, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, UK, 2 x USA
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Evaluation of proposals

- 11 April 2008 meeting
 - JCOMM Co-Pres, DBCP, Argo, Secr.
 - Short list proposed
 - Belgium (VLIZ)
 - France (CLS + IFREMER)
 - India (INCOIS)
 - USA (OCO + NDBC)
 - Techn. & Admin questionnaires
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Evaluation of short list

- MAN-VII (Dec 2008)
 - Expand review committee
 - J.L. Fellous (lead), DBCP, Argo, SOT, IOCCP, GLOSS, OceanSITES, WIGOS, OOPC, Secretariats
 - Criteria
 - Science
 - Observing System implementation
 - 24H IT & GTS
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Long Term Commitment
 - Risks
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Next steps

- One proposal came first for 5 out of 6 criteria
 - 6 committee members rated that proposal first
 - Negotiations being pursued to
 - Bring more benefits
 - clarify role of the candidate's partner organization
 - WMO & IOC to write to candidates
 - Discussions at JCOMM-III
 - OCG to propose Terms of Reference
 - OCG to propose governance for managing OPSC staff
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draft JCOMMOPS extended Terms of Reference

- Under overall guidance of OCG
 - Direction of DBCP, SOT, Argo, OceanSITES, IOCCP, GLOSS, team on satellite data requirements
 - JCOMMOPS shall
 - Act as FP for programme implementation
 - Assist programme operators for
 - Data exchange
 - Satellite data communication
 - Provide/monitor network status
 - Gateway for information on
 - Requirements (WWW, GOSS, GCOS)
 - Instrumentation deployment and servicing opportunities
 - Operator contact information
 - Relay information on
 - Instrumentation
 - Instrument evaluation
 - Observational best practices
 - Data quality
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