



BLM Email & Collaboration Migration

Conferencing Solution Comparison

The BLM offers a variety of online tools to facilitate internal meetings, training opportunities, and public engagement meetings. The follow chart is designed to help you determine which tool is most suitable for your intended purpose. The columns indicate the six different online tools and the rows describe key considerations for choosing the right tool for the job. If you have any questions or need technical support, please contact your local IT staff and/or the BLM National Help Desk at 1-800-BLM-Help (1-800-256-4357) or by email at 1800BLMHHELP@BLM.GOV.

	Teams	Teams Live Events	Zoom	Zoom Webinars	Vidyo/VTC	WebEx
Availability	Available to All BLM Employees\Contractors	Available to All BLM Employees\Contractors	Limited. Please see the Zoom Support Page for information or contact the Zoom Support Team if you have questions.	Limited. Please see the Zoom Support Page for information or contact the Zoom Support Team if you have questions.	VTC App available to all BLM employees/contractors. Conference room systems are being deployed to across BLM	Limited. Accounts can be requested via HelpDesk
Recommended Use	Point to point calls, planned meetings <250 participants, O365 collaboration	Large scale broadcasts to more than 250 participants	Public and large facilitated meetings with two way audio. Trainings with breakout rooms, screen/video share with audio.	Public meetings and large facilitated meetings with two way audio.	Conference rooms & VTC point to point with external partners	Phasing out net conferencing
Differentiators	Network traffic optimized to provide direct connections to Microsoft.	Network traffic optimized to provide direct connections to Microsoft	25-49 visible participants at the same time. All meeting attendees can contribute or annotate a virtual whiteboard or shared	25-49 visible participants, up to 100 presenters. Panelists can be promoted from the audience and can contribute or	Able to bridge between room systems, mobile devices, etc.	

			screen.	annotate a shared whiteboard or screen.		
Recommended Network Speed	User experience isn't as heavily impact by slow network speeds.	User experience isn't as heavily impacted by slow network speeds.	High speed broadband (1.5Mbps per user)	High speed broadband (1.5Mbps per user)	Designed to work on slow network connections	User experience isn't as heavily impact by slow network speeds.
Number of Attendees	Up to 250	Up to 10,000	Up to 350	Up to 5000	Up to 100	Up to 100 (up to 1,000 with add on)
Presenters	Up to 250	Up to 250	Up to 350 + call in lines	Up to 100	equal participation (same as # of attendees)	equal participation (same as # of attendees)
Visible Participants Simultaneously	Up to 9	1	Up to 49	Up to 49	Yes	Up to 25
Video	Yes	Presenters can share using webcams and their screens to present content	Yes	Presenters can share using webcams and their screens to present content	Presenters can share using webcams and their screens to present content	Yes
Audio	Yes	Yes (Presenters Only)	Yes	Yes (can be enabled for attendees)	Yes	Yes
Audio Conferencing Capabilities	Add-on of \$44/year	Add-on of \$44/year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allow non-DOI participants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Closed Captioning / Transcription	Yes (cc) / Live Transcription coming Mid-June	Yes	Yes (cc can be used)	Yes (cc can be used)	No	cc window or media viewer window
Breakout rooms	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes for additional fees
Cost	Included with BisonConnect account	Included with BisonConnect account	Paid for by BLM for FY20. FY21 TBD.	Paid for by BLM for FY20. FY21 TBD.	Room systems maintenace for 185 systems is approx \$130k	~ \$0.14 cents per minute per participant
Moderator	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes at an additional

capabilities						cost
Desktop Screenshare, Multiple Screenshares	Yes, Yes	Yes (Presenters Only), No	Yes, Yes	Yes for presenters, No	Yes, With IT Support	Yes
Polling	Via Forms	No	Yes, live polling and results	Yes, live polling and results	No	Yes
Virtual Backgrounds	Yes	Coming Soon	Yes	Yes	No	No
Mobile access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Raise Hand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chat to attendees	Yes	Attendees can participate via chat- based Q&A	Yes	Yes	VTC App - Yes Room System - No	Yes
Ability to record the meeting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, with additional cost
Access on a non-DOI computer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Getting started/Help pages	Teams	Teams Live Events	Zoom	Zoom Webinars	Vidyo/VTC	-