## To Plot or NOT

What to use . . .

## \& Not to use

Using PowerPoint to Plot . . . Limitations

Little things that drive ya NUTS.

## PowerPoint Limitations

- The custom paper size CANNOT get larger than 56" . . . No matter what you do!
- If you set the Custom size bigger than 56 " -PowerPoint automatically resizes back to 56"


## PowerPoint Limitations

Do NOT use grouping
-Grouped item may not print
-Or, only certain portions may print

- We can't get your group for you from another file
-Open the original file, ungroup items, copy them back to the current plot


## PowerPoint Limitations

- If you have a text box or a graphic selected when you send your plot, only the selected item prints
- Don't' save logos in the *.bmp format
-Logos saved as *.jpeg, *.tiff, or *.gif files will print
- If prompted to link to a file when importing, click Yes


## Other Little Things

- Create your plot, then use Adobe Acrobat to convert it to the PDF format
- The Acrobat version does not matter
-The plotter likes *.pdf files!


## Other Little Things

- Help us help you by . . .
-Knowing the dimensions you want
-Knowing if it is portrait or landscape
-Knowing what type of paper you want
- glossy or matte


## Other Little Things

- Take advantage of the help offered by the Service Center in 150A, IACC
- Please have a consultant look at your plot before you send it to the plotter
- This will save you time, money and headaches!


## Know your Plot Size

- Some standard plot sizes:
-Arch A: 9" $\times 12^{\prime \prime}$
-Arch B: $12^{\prime \prime} \times 18^{\prime \prime}$
-Arch C: $18^{\prime \prime} \times 24^{\prime \prime}$
-Arch D: 24" x 36 "
-Arch E: 36 " $\times 48^{\prime \prime}$


## Know your Plot Size

- Custom widths are any that you set
- You will need to leave margins as the plotter does not print to the edges on all programs


## What Not to Use to Plot

- Use the correct tools - saves you time
- Please do not use Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft PowerPoint
- these programs are not geared to using graphics, and large scale printing
- Some of the WordPerfect products do not plot well

