

1.0 PURPOSE

This report presents findings of the first phase of the STIA's program to increase private sector awareness of, and enthusiastic participation in, the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).

This initiative is designed to further the goal of maximizing participation in the NSDI by the private sector.

The report summarizes the findings in this initial stage of the project with respect to the current status of private sector participation, issues with private sector participation, and our proposed recommendations to address some of these issues and increase private sector participation.