

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

Official Designation: National Geospatial Advisory Committee (The Committee)

Scope and Objectives: The Committee will provide advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 and Executive Order 12906. The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.

Description of Duties: The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in the Scope and Objectives above.

Duration: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations on an ongoing basis. The Committee's charter may be renewed in 2-year increments by the FGDC Chair (The Secretary of the Interior or designee) for as long as the FGDC requires the expertise and advice of the Committee.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Committee will meet at the request of the FGDC Chair. The Committee will likely meet on a quarterly basis, but not less than once per year. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments.

Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Advisory Committee reports to the FGDC Chair (Secretary of the Interior or designee).

Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support: Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee are approximately \$120,000 plus 1.5 work years of Federal employee support.

Travel Expenses: Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, each appointed non-Federal member may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses incurred while attending Committee meetings in accordance with the Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

Termination Date: The Committee is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and shall take no action unless the charter filing requirements of section 9 of FACA have been complied with. The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that time, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

Committee Membership: The Committee will be comprised of up to 30 representatives, who will be selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various stakeholders involved in national geospatial activities and the development of the NSDI. Selection of Committee members will include consideration of geographic balance. The Committee membership will include balanced representation from among, but not limited to, the following stakeholder groups involved in the geospatial community:

- Federal government
- State government
- County government
- Regional government
- City/Municipal government
- Tribal government
- Private Sector
- User Industries
- Professional associations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Academia

Terms: The Secretary of the Interior will appoint Committee members to the Committee. Staggered terms will be used to promote continuity of Committee operations. Initial appointments will be for two or three year terms. Subsequent appointments will be for two year terms. Committee members may not serve more than three consecutive terms. However, after a 2-year break in service, that member will again be eligible for appointment. To remain in active status, members are expected to participate in Committee meetings and activities. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

Any vacancies will be filled in the same manner in which initial appointments were made.

Chair: The Chair of the FGDC will appoint the Chair of the Committee.

Subgroups: For assistance in conducting its business, the Committee may establish subgroups or subcommittees. Such groups may gather information, conduct research, analyze relevant issues and facts, and draft proposed position papers and/or recommendations for deliberation by the full Committee. These groups will be established by the Committee Chair with the concurrence of the Designated Federal Official. Subgroups may not conduct business independent of the full Committee as their role is to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full Committee. All meetings of the subgroups are subject to approval by the DFO.

Ethics Responsibilities of Members: A committee or subcommittee member may not participate in any specific party matter in which the member, his/her spouse or dependent child has a direct financial interest, including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department of the Interior or bureau.

Designated Federal Official: Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee (or designee), 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

Authority: This charter establishes the National Geospatial Advisory under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior. It has been determined that the Committee is in the public interest in connection with the duties of the Federal Geographic Data Committee and the requirements of OMB Circular A-16.



Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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