

## **National Geospatial Advisory Committee December 7-8, 2010 Meeting Summary**

### **ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Review and Adoption of September NGAC Minutes**

**DECISION:** The NGAC adopted the minutes of the September 2010 meeting.

#### **Geospatial Platform**

**ACTION:** The NGAC Intergovernmental Subcommittee will review and provide feedback on the following issues:

- Are there specific offerings (data, services, applications) available from State/Regional/Local/Tribal governments that should be pursued for integrating with the Federal Geospatial Platform in the short term?
- What are the incentives that the Federal government should consider providing to encourage non-Federal contributions to the Platform?
- What are the best mechanisms for identifying ongoing requirements for the Platform and potential contributions to the Platform from our State/Regional/Local/Tribal partners?

#### **Broadband**

**ACTION:** NGAC members are encouraged to provide additional suggestions to FCC on potential mobile applications for the National Broadband Map.

#### **The National Map Subcommittee**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The NGAC approved the following recommendations:

- A key component of the geospatial platform must be an integrated set of foundational data layers for the nation. The National Map (TNM) represents the primary existing effort to provide this service. TNM should focus on providing this foundational data, across a wide range of scales, as its primary purpose, in partnership with an array of data providers in accordance with A-16. The foundational layers should align with the FGDC Framework, with the addition of geographic names.
- Parcels should be incorporated as one of TNM's base data layers. A lead agency or agencies should be identified as federal integrator(s) of parcel data.

#### **Local Government GIS Best Practices**

**DECISION:** The NGAC adopted the Local Government GIS Best Practices paper developed by the best practices work group.

**ACTION:** The NGAC will develop a graphics-oriented companion document to supplement the best practices paper.

**ACTION:** NGAC members are encouraged to distribute the best practices paper within their organizations and communities of interest.

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#### **FTC Report Comments**

The NGAC approved the following:

**RECOMMENDATION:** The NGAC recommends that the FGDC work collaboratively with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to seek clarification of language addressing geolocation in the FTC Staff Report, "Protecting Consumer Privacy in an Era of Rapid Change." The members of the NGAC are concerned about the imprecise use of the term "precise geolocation data" in the report. The lack of definition and clarity in the language could cause significant unintended consequences to the geospatial field, resulting in impacts to consumers, government programs, and industry. The NGAC is willing to work with FGDC and FTC, as needed, to help provide the perspective of the geospatial community to this issue.

**ACTION:** NGAC members will encourage organizations they represent to provide comments on the draft FTC staff report to express concerns about the language addressing geolocation.

#### **FGDC Report**

**ACTION:** The Department of the Interior will finalize the next round of appointments to the NGAC in January 2011.

#### **Workforce Development**

**ACTION:** NGAC members provide feedback on draft Workforce Development Strategy Paper to Dave DiSera and Sean Ahearn by January 7, 2011.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next NGAC meeting is planned for March 2011 in Washington, DC. Potential agenda topics include the following:

- New FGDC guidance for NGAC
- Follow-up on Geospatial Platform initiative
- Implementation of new HMDA parcel data requirements
- Follow-up discussion on geospatial workforce planning
- Follow-up discussion on National Broadband Map
- NGAC Subcommittee reports