



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
**U.S. Department
of the Interior**

www.doi.gov

News Release

Date: July 9, 2010
Contact: Joan Moody (202-208-6416)
John Mahoney (206-220-4621)

Department of the Interior Seeks Nominations for National Geospatial Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, DC--Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today that the Department of the Interior is seeking nominations for appointment to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC).

The NGAC is an advisory committee that provides recommendations and advice to the federal government on national geospatial policy issues and the management of national geospatial programs. The NGAC was established by the Department of the Interior in 2007 on behalf of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Secretary Salazar serves as the Chair of the FGDC.

"Geospatial information and technology are important and growing components of our economy, and play a vital role in helping us manage our resources and achieve critical national goals," Secretary Salazar said. "The National Geospatial Advisory Committee provides a valuable service in allowing us to work with our partners to pursue common goals through a collaborative process."

The NGAC is comprised of up to 30 members to include 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, and Academia.

NGAC members are appointed for staggered terms, and approximately one-half of the seats on the Committee will be appointed during this round of appointments.

Nominations for appointment to the NGAC should be submitted electronically to ngacnominations@fgdc.gov by August 24, 2010. Nominations may be submitted on behalf of others, or individuals may self-nominate. Nominations should include:

- A nomination letter summarizing the nominee's qualifications and interest in NGAC membership and describing the nominee's ability to represent a stakeholder group.
- A biographical sketch, resume, or curriculum vitae.
- One letter of reference and a list of two additional references with contact information.
- Contact information for the nominee (name, title, organization, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number).

Additional information and instructions about the nomination process are posted on the NGAC web page at www.fgdc.gov/ngac. Individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists will not be eligible to serve on this committee.

Final selection and appointment of NGAC members will be made by the Secretary of the Interior. Members of the committee serve without compensation. However, members 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.

Additional information about the NGAC, including the current Charter, may be found on the NGAC Web page at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.