

# **Federal Geographic Data Committee Steering Committee Executive Committee**

## **CHARTER**

### **Background**

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee have established a new Executive Committee of the FGDC Steering Committee. The Executive Committee will include the Senior Agency Officials (SAOGI's) of agencies with major programmatic geospatial responsibilities. The Executive Committee will be a subset of the larger FGDC Steering Committee.

### **Membership**

Executive Committee membership will include the Chair and Vice Chair and the SAOGI's from the following agencies:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of the Interior
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee will include:

- Assisting the FGDC Chair and Vice Chair in developing and reviewing policy proposals, including interagency funding proposals, as requested by the Chair, with the intent and purpose of facilitating and enhancing decision-making by the Steering Committee
- Providing a focal point for FGDC coordination with the National Geospatial Advisory Committee
- Developing and reviewing agenda items for FGDC Steering Committee meetings
- Initial review of Geospatial Line of Business products and policy issues
- Coordination with interagency councils such as the CIO Council

**Chair**

The Chair of the FGDC Steering Committee will serve as the Chair of the FGDC Executive Committee.

**Meetings and Decision-making**

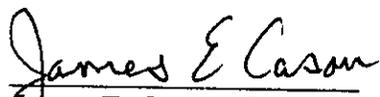
The Executive Committee will meet as needed at the invitation of the FGDC Chair, likely 3-4 times per year. With prior, case-by-case approval of the Chair, an Executive Committee member may send a surrogate to a meeting. A status report on the work of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee shall be a standing agenda item. The Executive Committee will develop, review, and/or coordinate interagency concepts and proposals, as requested by the FGDC Chair, for consideration by the FGDC Steering Committee as a whole. All final decisions will be made by the FGDC Steering Committee as described in the FGDC Steering Committee Charter.

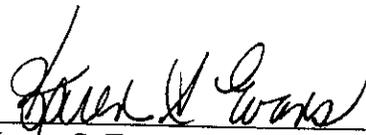
**Support**

The FGDC Secretariat will provide staff support to the Executive Committee. The Chair and other Executive Committee members may also provide staff support to assist in Executive Committee activities as needed.

**Approval**

This Charter will remain in effect until amended or replaced. Any amendments or revisions to the Charter will be posted on the FGDC website ([www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov)).

  
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Date  
FGDC Steering Committee  
Associate Deputy Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior

  
Karen S. Evans, Vice-Chair      5/22/08  
Date  
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