

Future Directions – Framework Data Standards  
Monthly Report - January 2005

1. Where team needs assistance

- Getting managerial “buy-in” for a reasonable schedule to submit framework data standards to INCITS L1 for ballot.

2. Meetings

- Federal data theme leads met February 1-2, 2005 to adjudicate public review comments that they identified as affecting all themes (“cross-cutting issues”).

3. Accomplishments

- SRA International contract support evaluated several options to accelerate the project schedule, which the Project Manager reviewed. The Project Manager and SRA International contract support agreed that the best course of action was to go forward with the scheduled February 1-2, 2005 editing committee meeting to resolve cross-cutting issues. The Project Manager submitted a report to FGDC management via Email on January 12.
- SRA International contract support reviewed cross-cutting issues compiled by Lockheed Martin contract support, categorized issues according to topic, identified preparatory tasks, and referred questions to Project Manager to make best use of time for February 1-2, 2005 meeting. Issues, tasks, and questions are documented in a tabbed spreadsheet file that categorizes issues by topic: Purpose and scope, UML modeling, Metadata, GML, Structure and format, Editorial, and miscellaneous. The tabbed spreadsheet was the basis for discussion at the February 1-2, 2005 editing committee meeting.
- Project Manager independently carried out a preliminary adjudication of cross-cutting issues in preparation of February 1-2, 2005 meeting.
- Project Manager reviewed the tabbed spreadsheet file of cross-cutting issues prepared by SRA International support and referred preparatory tasks to subject matter experts.
- BLM sent a subject matter expert to February 1-2, 2005 editing committee after Project Manager requested intervention by FGDC management to get BLM to send a representative for the Cadastral theme to the February 1-2, 2005 meeting.

4. Next Steps

- Editing Committees (ECs) to adjudicate and resolve public review comments for individual data themes – January-May 2005.
- EC project editors to revise parts of the framework data standard based on EC decisions – June-July 2005.
- FGDC to contract with a copy editor prior to delivery of revised framework data standard – begin immediately.
- Maitra to submit revised Framework Data Standards to INCITS L1 for ballot – August 2005.