



# Federal Geographic Data Committee Standards Update January 2012

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Some information might be carried over from the November 2011 standards update.

## FGDC

The Federal Trails Data Standards, FGDC-STD-017-2011, has been posted to the FGDC web site, [http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/trail-data-standard/Federal\\_Trail\\_Data\\_Standards\\_FGDC-STD-017-2011.pdf](http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/projects/FGDC-standards-projects/trail-data-standard/Federal_Trail_Data_Standards_FGDC-STD-017-2011.pdf).

Please refer to the standards tracking spreadsheet for progress on select FGDC standards activities.

INCITS Technical Committee L1, Geographic information systems – U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 211, Geographic information/Geomatics

The last ISO/TC 211 plenary was held November 17-18 in South Africa. Resolutions may be found at [http://www.isotc211.org/opensdoc/211n3262/211n3262\\_Resolutions\\_33nd\\_meeting\\_Centurion.pdf](http://www.isotc211.org/opensdoc/211n3262/211n3262_Resolutions_33nd_meeting_Centurion.pdf).

The L1/U.S. TAG meeting was held December 12, at Esri, Vienna, Virginia. Agenda items included:

- Advancing ISO DIS 19157, Geographic information – Data Quality, to International Standard (IS).
- Advancing ISO DIS 19153, Geographic information – Geospatial Digital Rights Management Reference Model (GeoDRM RM) to IS.

Canada has a standard on St. Lawrence navigation and wants US collaboration because both countries share the river. No one in the US has expressed interest so far.

France submitted a draft New Work Item Proposal (NWIP) on Geodetic References (reference: <http://www.isotc211.org/protdoc/211n3243/>). Mike Harbaugh of NGA said that the FGDC Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee (FGCS) and the GWG World Geodetic System (WGS) and Geomatics Focus Group (WGSG) should work together on this project. Comments from TC 211 members and liaisons on the draft NWIP are found in document n3258 (<http://www.isotc211.org/protdoc/211n3258/>).

The invitation from the ISO/TC 211 Secretariat to submit a New Work Item Proposal for a stage 0 project on management system standards is still open.

Please refer to the standards tracking spreadsheet for progress on individual domestic and international standards projects assigned to L1/U.S. TAG.

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## Open Geospatial Consortium

OGC and the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) announced the WhereCon 2012 conference, scheduled for April 10-12, 2012 in Washington, DC.

A survey on the business value of standards closes Sunday, December 18. The OGC Business Value Committee will use survey results to help the OGC better understand the value of its open standards and improve its programs for geospatial standards development, compliance testing, and outreach. Technology users should visit the version at <http://uncc.surveyshare.com/s/AQAIJDC>, while technology providers (vendors or system integrators) or consultant should visit the version at <http://uncc.surveyshare.com/s/AQAIZBC>. Prizes will be awarded at random to three individuals who complete the survey. Prizes are an Apple iPad 2 Tablet, an Apple iPod touch, and Bose AE2 headphones.

The Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), in cooperation with Directions Media, will host a one-hour webinar on January 12, 2012 at 5:00pm UTC (12:00 noon EST). The title of the webinar is, "How the OGC's CityGML Standard Supports 3D Innovation for Business and Government: Developments achieved in the Netherlands including use cases from the City of Rotterdam."

Refer to the standards tracking spreadsheet for progress on select OGC standards.

Subscribe to OGC news feeds and the OGC blog for current information about OGC activities. Also join OGC's LinkedIn group, <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=55322>. Steve Ramage, OGC Executive Director, Marketing and Communications, has set up a Twitter account. His handle is @ogc\_steven.

Contact your agency's OGC representative for more information.

## Geospatial-Intelligence Standards Working Group (GWG)

DISR Baseline release 11-3 became operational.

The next GWG voting session (12-1) is expected for late January 2012. The GWG Secretariat expects to release the change request package in late December.

The GWG is standing up a Country Codes Working Group (CCWG) to coordinate, manage, and address community requirements for the U.S. profile of the ISO 3166 country codes standard (International Standard - Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions) and a Country Codes Data Set. An information session was held Wednesday, December 7 at TASC, Chantilly, VA 20151.

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## Other

No items to report.