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Mr. Norm Andersen  
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Dear Mr. Andersen:

I am pleased to submit the draft Information Technology – Geographic Information Framework Data Content Standard (“Framework Data Standard”) to you for the next step in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards development process.

The draft Framework Data Standard represents the combined efforts of hundreds of participants from universities, the private sector, and all levels of government who invested considerable time and expertise over the past several years. The effort to develop this Framework Data Standard began under the Geospatial One-Stop E-Government initiative and was subsequently transferred to the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC).

The FGDC pledges to provide support to advance the draft Framework Data Standard through the ANSI standards process by responding to technical and editorial issues that might arise in subsequent steps. FGDC standards POCs are Bill Tolar ([btolar@usgs.gov](mailto:btolar@usgs.gov), phone: 703-648-7759) and Julie Maitra ([jmaitra@usgs.gov](mailto:jmaitra@usgs.gov), phone: 703-648-4627). Once the Framework Data Standard has been approved and published as an American National Standard (ANS), the FGDC will serve as the maintenance authority for the Framework Data Standard.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with you and the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) Technical Committee L1, Geographic Information Systems. We appreciate your guidance and support as the INCITS L1 Chair.

Enclosed please find the draft Framework Data Standard, work plan, and audit trail requirements. The FGDC looks forward to continued collaboration with you to see the draft through to final endorsement as an American National Standard.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary - Performance,  
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Enclosures