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Project Title: Commonwealth of Virginia Five Year GIS Strategic Plan Development

Interim Report

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Project Narrative

In 2009 VGIN will develop a five year strategic plan that focuses upon three areas: 1) completion of all framework data layers including sustainability plans; 2) identification, prioritization and planning for the development of the most commonly needed geospatial services (e.g. web/geoprocessing and process services); 3) maturity modeling for the Geospatial Enterprise Platform data repository as the “go to” location for Virginia GIS data and/or information. VGIN is tightly coupled organizationally with the state E911 coordinating body through the Integrated Services Program of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. This partnership provides unique opportunities to meet the overlapping business needs of GIS and public safety, while at the same time allowing the furtherance of broader GIS needs in the Commonwealth. The CAP grant for strategic planning will assist VGIN with the further integration of the State Spatial Data Infrastructure (SSDI) needs with the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) needs and the continued integration of the strategic visions of the Integrated Services Program.

In June 2009 the consulting services of Touchstone, LLC were brought on board to assist with the GIS Strategic Planning effort. Touchstone also assisted with the development of Virginia’s 911 Comprehensive Plan (a part of the Integrated Services Program) as well as the Commonwealth Interoperability Strategic Plan (Office of Commonwealth Preparedness). Synergies amongst the three plans are important to the mission of the Integrated Services Program.

The month of July was devoted to pre-planning efforts that to date have resulted in the initiation of the Stakeholder Interview process. Approximately 30 key stakeholders representing federal, state, and local government, academia, non-profit and private sector have been identified for individual interviews. These interviews will be completed in the month of August 2009.

A series of five Town Hall meetings have been scheduled across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The schedule is:

- **Culpeper** – *September 15*
- **Richmond** – *September 18*
- **Abingdon** – *September 29*
- **Roanoke** – *September 30*
- **Hampton Roads** – *October 13*

In addition, an online survey is currently being crafted to provide anyone with an interest to participate the opportunity to provide feedback. Through the Stakeholder interviews, Town Hall meetings, and the online survey, multiple opportunities for input have been created.

Next Steps

At the October VGIN Advisory Board meeting, the results thus far will be presented to the Board and comment and feedback will be sought from the VGIN Advisory Board.

Timeline

The project is on schedule and a draft Strategic Plan will be completed by the end of 2009. The final plan will be presented to the VGIN Advisory Board at the quarterly meeting in January, 2010 for formal approval.