Business Plan for Florida’s Statewide Aerial Imagery Program - Interim Project Report

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR)
Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center at Florida State University (FREAC)
Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD)
South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)
Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)
St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)
United States Geologic Survey (USGS)

Organization Internet Address
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Project Narrative
An informal working group of GIS managers from the water management districts (WMD) and several state agencies has meet for over 20 years. This “WMD GIS Managers” group has expanded to include universities, additional state agencies, and additional federal partners. The user group meets quarterly and addresses issues of statewide GIS importance, particularly topographic mapping and associated orthophotography. This group, however, has no business plans currently in place. This project will both formalize coordination as well as produce a business plan for orthophotography collection and dissemination.

Status
We are currently making efforts to understand the need for imagery from all users in Florida. We are conducting an on-line survey and hosting 4 workshops at various locations throughout the state. The survey is primarily focused on the specific needs and the workshop provides a face to face discussion which will identify additional needs which may not have been asked in the Survey.
Next Steps

The first deliverable will be delivered by October 16, 2011. This will be the documentation supporting the “Current Status” of the Orthophotography Collection of the State of Florida. This will be the beginning documentation we will use to determine the best needs of our Business Plan.

Revised Timeline

Current status publication (Oct. 16)
Review of technical specifications (Oct. 30)
Review of laws and codes (Nov. 7)
Workshop summary (Nov. 20)
Cost benefit analysis (Dec. 11)
Aerial Imagery Business Plan
Draft 1 (Dec. 30)
Draft 2 (Jan. 15)
Final (Jan. 30)