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Executive Summary:

No benchmarks or milestones to report at this time. Conceptually, this grant was to be executed by a technical working group as established by the implementation of the AK Geospatial Counsel in accordance with the AK Geospatial Strategic Plan (CAP III-2010). The Geospatial Plan and subsequent Counsel have not been implemented by the Governor's office although there seems to be an appetite to do so. It is more than likely a one year no-cost extension will be requested. It is also likely the associated grant work will be executed outside the parameters of the proposed geospatial counsel and technical working group, as undesirable as that is.

Project Narrative:

The outcome of this project will be a uniformly applied metadata standard voluntarily adopted and utilized by the stakeholders. Key to this is training and awareness through outreach. A secondary outcome would be the revision of existing non-compliant metadata & the creation of a unified metadata directory/catalogue to serve as an interim one-stop geospatial portal.

Training & Outreach Assistance:

Regrettably this aspect of the grant has not been initiated.

Status of Metadata Service:

Nothing to report at this time.

Next Steps:

Next steps regarding the disposition of this grant will be to form an unsanctioned ad hoc technical working group that will execute this grant without the formation of the geospatial counsel. Should the geospatial counsel be formed and implemented by executive order the activities of the working group will shift to fall under the counsel. Members of the metadata technical working group have been suggested but not formed and it is unlikely this will occur until after the holidays.

Feedback on Cooperative Agreements Program:

This is a very valuable service to Alaska, which is trying to catch up with the rest of the United States geospatially. Oversight of the program has been excellent.