

**NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – RESOLUTION FOR OMB ASSISTANCE**

There are abundant, as-yet-unrealized opportunities to advance national priorities and meet national circumstances by leveraging the potential of an integrated geospatial framework as part of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). Future successes for these key NSDI capabilities are dependent on coordination, cooperation, and difficult-to-implement shared funding efforts across agencies. NGAC members have made several recommendations that cannot be acted on due to the constraints of agencies having to stay within their mission. These missed partnering opportunities have a wide-ranging impact.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), with its budgeting, performance, and information technology responsibilities, and role as Vice Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), is uniquely positioned to identify, broker, and monitor solutions to these shared geospatial challenges and needs.

The NGAC recommends that OMB share their expertise in future NGAC meetings in order to:

- Suggest approaches to tackle the structural challenges agencies face, while working with NGAC members in advising a more integrated approach for addressing multi-agency and FGDC solutions to meet the geospatial information needs for national priorities and national circumstances,
- Provide an OMB perspective on federal budget and management strategy related to the Geospatial Data Act (GDA), its implementation, and agency performance,
- Understand the value and economic benefits to the Nation of federal-level leadership and investments in the NSDI.

OMB's participation on the NGAC will strengthen its role in advising on a national geospatial program and benefit its membership from local, state, and tribal governments, as well as different sectors such as the private sector and geospatial industries, academia, professional associations, and the Federal Government.