

# Imagery for the Nation

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  - Federal Contact: Stephen Lowe
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- Current Activities of the Program
  - NAIP continues to work with the States
  - Waiting for feedback from FGDC entire initiative
- Emerging Issues
  - USDA is progressing in the development of IFTN support services
  - Budget realities must be considered in any discussion

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# From the last NGAC Meeting...

## Imagery for the Nation Request for Information

Current activities related to IFTN were reviewed. The NGA sponsored a Request for Information (RFI) to gather additional information about IFTN, **and the FGDC Executive Committee continues to deliberate on the future direction of IFTN.**

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# IFTN - Imagery for the Nation

- ❑ NSGIC proposed IFTN in 2004
- ❑ Notable progress:
  - ❑ IFTN has been thoroughly studied by the FGDC
  - ❑ National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) incorporated several of its principles
- ❑ Lack-of-progress:
  - ❑ Funding
  - ❑ Adoption at the Federal level

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# NSGIC Activities

NSGIC is considering options for:

- ❑ States and local governments to pursue to reduce administrative costs.
- ❑ Leveraging large area contracting methods to save on production costs
- ❑ Providing consistency across state borders
- ❑ Structuring a program that encourages Federal agencies to partner with the States to share costs for imagery to meet their own business

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# Next Steps

Request that the FGDC Executive Committee provide a clear and definitive statement on IFTN and outline the next steps to move IFTN forward and make it relevant to the Federal, state and local government users.