

**National Geospatial Advisory Committee
June 8-9, 2011 Meeting Summary**

ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of March NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the March 2011 meeting, with minor corrections.

Leadership Dialogue

ACTION: FGDC will report back to NGAC on the status of and actions taken in response to previous NGAC recommendations.

ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat and Executive Committee will meet with FGDC Chair Anne Castle and OMB to discuss follow-up actions related to the June FGDC Steering Committee meeting and NGAC meeting.

Transportation for the Nation

ACTION: NGAC members are encouraged to offer any final comments on the draft Transportation to the Nation (TFTN) Strategic Plan to Steve Lewis (US-DOT) as soon as possible.

The NGAC approved the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION: The NGAC commends the U.S. Department of Transportation (US-DOT) for developing the new Transportation for the Nation (TFTN) Strategic Plan through the engagement of the stakeholder community. The NGAC encourages US-DOT to develop a business plan as the next step in the development of TFTN.

Innovative Strategies Subcommittee

ACTION: The NGAC Innovative Strategies task team will complete a draft white paper prior to the October 2011 NGAC meeting on innovative strategies for data sharing and data integration.

Workforce Development Subcommittee

ACTION: The NGAC Workforce Development Subcommittee will complete a draft white paper prior to the October 2011 NGAC meeting on strategies to meet the expanding geospatial workforce needs of public and private-sector organizations.

Best Practices for Interagency Data Sharing

DECISION: The NGAC adopted with minor revisions the Best Practices for Interagency Data Sharing paper developed by the interagency data sharing work group.

ACTION: NGAC members are asked to provide any final editorial comments on the paper by June 17, 2011.

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FAA/LiDAR Issue

The NGAC approved the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION: The NGAC recommends that the FGDC work collaboratively with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to avoid adverse impacts to the geospatial community in the implementation of potential FAA statutory or regulatory language banning the use of laser pointers aimed at aircraft. The members of the NGAC are concerned that the potential new language may result in adverse impacts to data collections using LiDAR (Light Detecting And Ranging) and similar technologies. The NGAC is concerned that the broad nature of the laser pointer language could cause unintended consequences to LiDAR collection activities, resulting in impacts to government programs, industry, and the public.

The NGAC is willing to provide recommendations to the FGDC and FAA, as needed, to help provide the perspective of the geospatial community on this issue.

Next Meeting

The next NGAC meeting is planned for October 5-6, 2011 in Shepherdstown, WV. Potential agenda topics include the following:

- Innovative Strategies white paper
- Geospatial Workforce Development white paper
- Feedback from FGDC on NGAC recommendations
- Address data issues
- Geolocation privacy
- Tribal geospatial issues
- Update on Geospatial Platform
- Library of Congress geospatial policy papers