

**National Geospatial Advisory Committee  
October 4-5, 2011 Meeting Summary**

**ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Review and Adoption of June NGAC Minutes**

**DECISION:** The NGAC adopted the minutes of the June 2011 meeting.

**Leadership Dialogue**

**ACTION:** FGDC Chair Anne Castle announced three new appointees to the NGAC: Jim Kwolek (NGA), Bert Granberg (State of Utah), and Molly Vogt (Portland Metro, OR).

**ACTION:** NGAC will review and comment on the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment, per DOI's request, once the Assessment is completed in late 2011.

**Geospatial Platform**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The NGAC strongly recommends that the FGDC Steering Committee immediately take the following actions:

- Finalize the business plan and shared investment strategy for the Geospatial Platform as a part of the FY 2013 budget cycle.
- Designate the managing partner organization with appropriate authorities and responsibilities to implement the Geospatial Platform.

**ACTION:** FGDC Secretariat will revise and finalize Geospatial Platform Value Proposition document by November 1, 2011, incorporating feedback and suggestions from the NGAC.

**ACTION:** The NGAC Emerging Technology Subcommittee will organize and compile feedback on the Version 1 of the Geospatial Platform.

**ACTION:** The NGAC Geospatial Platform Subcommittee will develop suggestions for components and content that should be included in the business plan for the Geospatial Platform.

**Innovative Strategies**

*The NGAC believes there is a need to reconfigure, focus, reposition, empower and authorize the FGDC as the national lead for developing, managing and assuring Geospatial Information Services for the Nation. These services are critical to support the development of information products required by the public sector, and form the basis for the Geospatial Platform and the implementation of A-16 Supplemental Guidance.*

**ACTION:** By December 2011, the NGAC will update the recommendations on Federal geospatial leadership and coordination that were provided in the October 2008 NGAC Transition Recommendations paper and incorporate them into the NGAC Innovative Strategies white paper.

**ACTION:** The Innovative Strategies team will revise the Innovative Strategies white paper and recommendations to incorporate comments and feedback from NGAC members.

**Geospatial Workforce**

**ACTION:** The Workforce Subcommittee will revise the Geospatial Workforce Development white paper and recommendations by December 2011 to incorporate comments and feedback from the NGAC members.

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**Tribal Subcommittee**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The NGAC encourages DOI to develop a Tribal Land Records Management System in collaboration with Tribes to assist in the implementation of the settlement of the Cobell lawsuit.

**ACTION:** The FGDC Secretariat will arrange a meeting between the NGAC Tribal Subcommittee and the BIA to discuss BIA Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) support to Tribes.

**LightSquared/GPS Interference Issue**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The NGAC shares the serious concerns expressed by the Department of the Interior, other Federal agencies, and many geospatial organizations regarding the adverse impacts that the proposed LightSquared network would have on our Nation's Global Positioning System (GPS). The NGAC concurs with the comments submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) by Deputy Secretary David Hayes on August 8, 2011 about these impacts, and encourages Interior and other agencies to work with NTIA and FCC to ensure that the LightSquared proposal does not result in adverse impacts to GPS.

**Landsat**

**ACTION:** The NGAC agreed to work with DOI and USGS to establish an NGAC subcommittee to provide advice and recommendations on Landsat and the National Land Imaging Program.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the NGAC is tentatively scheduled for the week of December 5, 2011. The December meeting will be a one-half day web-based meeting. The primary topics for the meeting include the following:

- Review and adoption of revised Innovative Strategies white paper
- Review and adoption of revised Geospatial Workforce white paper
- Update on Geospatial Platform