# National Geospatial Advisory Committee October 11-12, 2023 Meeting Summary

### **ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Review and Adoption of June 2023 National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) Minutes

**DECISION:** The NGAC adopted the minutes of the June 27-28, 2023 NGAC meeting, with minor corrections.

### Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Overview

**ACTION**: FGDC will continue to keep the NGAC apprised of the status of the FGDC priority task teams addressing the following topics:

- Geospatial Standards
- FGDC Governance
- GeoPlatform
- NSDI Strategic Plan
- Supporting Administration Priorities

**ACTION:** The FGDC's 2023 Geospatial Data Act (GDA) Report to Congress, which incorporates the recent papers from the NGAC GDA Reporting Subcommittee and GDA Implementation Subcommittee, is in final review with the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget. FGDC staff will keep NGAC members apprised of the status of the report.

**ACTION:** FGDC will issue the next call for nominations for appointment to the NGAC in late 2023/early 2024. The next round of appointments to the NGAC will be completed in 2024.

### **NSDI Strategic Plan**

**ACTION**: The FGDC NSDI core team will refine the NSDI strategic plan goals and objectives, based on feedback from the NGAC and other stakeholders. The FGDC team will meet with the NSDI Subcommittee to share the revised approach and seek continuing feedback from the NGAC.

**ACTION**: FGDC plans to release a revised draft version of the NSDI strategic plan for public comment in early 2024. The plan is expected to be completed by the end of FY 2024.

### **Geospatial Data Act (GDA) Subcommittee**

**ACTION:** FGDC staff will meet with the GDA Subcommittee and discuss the FGDC's responses to the recommendations in the NGAC papers: "NGAC Comments on FY 2022 FGDC Summary of GDA Annual Reports" and "NGAC Evaluation of GDA Implementation", which were approved by the NGAC in April 2024.

**ACTION:** The GDA Subcommittee will initiate its review of the FY 2023 FGDC annual GDA reports in early 2024.

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### Landsat Advisory Group (LAG) Subcommittee

**ACTION**: The LAG Subcommittee will continue working on LAG Task 1 for 2023, addressing "Ideas for National Land Imaging (NLI) 'Next' Products." The target date for completion is December 2023 or Spring 2024.

**ACTION**: The LAG Subcommittee will continue working on LAG Task 2 for 2023, addressing "Interagency Operational Efficiencies." The LAG will develop two products:

- Task 2/Part 1 This paper will be a brief document that provides an overview and endorses the interagency operational efficiencies concept. Anne Miglarese will lead the development of this paper. Target completion date for the Task 2/Part 1 paper: December 2023.
- Task 2/Part 2 This paper will be a more detailed review of the interagency operational
  efficiencies concept with additional recommendations. Vasit Sagan will lead the
  development of this paper. This effort will be initiated following completion of the Part
  1 paper.

**ACTION**: FGDC and NGAC leadership will coordinate with the USGS National Land Imaging Program to update the membership of the LAG and finalize the updated bylaws for the LAG.

### 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Subcommittee

**DECISION:** The NGAC approved a resolution endorsing the USGS "The 3D National Topography Model Call for Action Part 2: Next Generation of the 3D Elevation Program" and encourages USGS to move forward with the activities outlined in the plan.

**ACTION**: The 3DEP Subcommittee agreed on the following next steps:

- Provide feedback on draft next generation 3DEP research plan
- Develop an approach to conducting outreach into areas where 3DEP is lacking partnerships/funding – considering both the Federal and private sector sides
- Organize a panel discussion with representatives of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and State DOTs to discuss how the transportation sector utilizes LIDAR and how to encourage engagement with 3DEP

#### **FAIR Data Subcommittee**

**ACTION:** FGDC and NGAC leadership will work with the FAIR Data Subcommittee to refine the tasks and deliverables for the subcommittee and develop a timeline for completion.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the NGAC is scheduled for December 4, 2023. The meeting will be held as a webinar. Additional information about the meeting will be provided soon.

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