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Announcement – FGDC Seeks Nominations for National Geospatial Advisory Committee

The Department of the Interior and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) are seeking nominations to serve on the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). The NGAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior through the FGDC related to management of Federal geospatial programs, development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA). The NGAC reviews and comments on geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum for views of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community. The NGAC is a Federal Advisory Committee authorized through the GDA which operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Nominations to participate on this Committee must be received by August 7, 2024 and should be submitted electronically to ngacnominations@fgdc.gov. Nominations may come from employers, associations, professional organizations, or other geospatial organizations. Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and permit DOI to contact a potential member. Nominees are strongly encouraged to include supporting letters from employers, associations, professional organizations, and/or other organizations that indicate the support by a meaningful constituency for the nominee.

The NGAC includes up to 30 members, selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various stakeholders involved in national geospatial activities. NGAC members are appointed for staggered terms, and nominations received through this call for nominations may be used to fill vacancies on the NGAC that will become available in 2025 and 2026. Nominations will be reviewed by the FGDC and additional information may be requested from nominees. Final selection and appointment of NGAC members will be made by the Secretary of the Interior.

The NGAC meets approximately 3-4 times per year. NGAC members will serve without compensation, but travel and per diem costs will be provided by the U.S. Geological Survey. Committee meetings are open to the public. Notice of committee meetings are published in the Federal Register at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. The public will have an opportunity to provide input at these meetings.

Additional information about the NGAC is available at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

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