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Coordination Group Meeting

Users/Historical Data Working Group

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Introduction

The Mission/Purpose of the Users/Historical Data Working Group (UHDWG) is: to promote and coordinate activities among Federal agencies who are primarily users of, not generators of geospatial data.

Members include:
- Colleen Cahill, Library of Congress, Chair
- Brett Abrams, National Archives
- Butch Lazorchak, Library of Congress
- John Faundeen, USGS, EROS Center
- Dr. Robert R. Downs, Center for International Earth Science Information Network, Columbia University
Organizations

Members include:
- North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis
- North Carolina State University
- CIESIN
- EROS
- PASDA, Pennsylvania State University
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Homeland Security
- Benjamin Harrison Society
- San Diego Supercomputer Center
- Western Illinois University
- USGS
- USDA
Recent Meetings

- The UHDWG met on January 24, 2011
- The topics discussed at this meeting include:
  - Preparation for this Presentation
  - Review of Geospatial Platform Roadmap Version 3 Comments
  - Review of U/HDWG information sheet
- Some of the outcomes arising from this meeting include:
  - Seek out those willing to work on projects
  - Determine next six months goals
  - Continue review of Geospatial Platform
Recent Developments/Projects

- Make contact with potential working group members
- Provided comments/feedback on Geospatial Road map
- Developed UHDWG information sheet
- More information at http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hdwg
Recent Developments/Projects, Cont’d.

- Identifying points of contact in all pertinent Federal agencies
- Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and the materials they preserve based on A-16 Supplemental Guidance
- Inventory of Geospatial Appraisal Documents, concentrating on the government sector
Coordination Group Vote

- UHDWG listserv -
  http://listserv.loc.gov/archives/index.html

- UHDWG information sheet -
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the UHDWG will be held on the fourth week of February, 2011. It will take place via teleconference; for more information please watch the listserv.

Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include:

- Explore ways to provide input to Data.gov on providing enhanced access to historic geospatial datasets
- Inventory of current archival standards of interest to the geospatial community that affect WG members; provide as input to Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center
Next Steps

In the coming months, the UHDWG hopes to accomplish/discuss:

- Inventory of current archival standards of interest to the geospatial community that affect WG members; provide as input to Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center

- Review Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance Appendix E (November 10, 2010 version) to explore contacts for potential pilot projects for preserving historic data based on data theme

- Encourage agencies to schedule the disposition of geospatial data to NARA and LC
Questions?

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