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Coordination Group Meeting

Users/Historical Data Working Group Update to Coordination Group

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Introduction

The Mission/Purpose of the Users/Historical Data Working Group (U/HDWG) is to promote and coordinate activities among Federal agencies who are primarily users of, not generators of geospatial data. A part of the duties of the Working Group is established to promote an awareness among Federal agencies of the historical dimension to geospatial data; to facilitate the long-term retention, storage, preservation and accessibility of selected geospatial data; and to establish a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of historically valuable geospatial data.

Members include:

- Colleen Cahill, Library of Congress, Chair
- Brett Abrams, National Archives
- Butch Lazorchak, Library of Congress



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 U/HDWG meetings on 4th Thursday of the month.
- ◆ The topics discussed at recent meetings include:
 - Geospatial Formats
 - ◆ Open discussions
 - ◆ Presentation of *Sustainability of Digital Formats: Planning for Library of Congress Collections* website
 - Reports on Survey for Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and Data Sets
- ◆ Some of the outcomes arising from these meetings include:
 - Completed survey of Federal agencies on data sets
 - Provided outreach to users of Federal Geospatial Data
 - Continued Feedback on the Geospatial Platform



Recent Developments/Projects

- ◆ Survey of Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and the materials they preserve based on A-16 Supplemental Guidance
- ◆ Provide presentations at U/HDWG meetings:
 - *Sustainability of Digital Formats: Planning for Library of Congress Collections* website
 - Briefing on the Geospatial Multistate Archive and Preservation Partnership
 - FGDC Lifecycle Working Group



Recent Developments/Projects, Cont'd.

- ◆ Provided feedback on the Geospatial Platform
- ◆ More outreach to possible U/HDWG members



Next Meeting

- ◆ The next meeting of the U/HDWG will be held on March 22nd, 11am-12pm. It will take place via a webinar.
- ◆ Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include:
 - Annotated survey of literature/guidance documents on geospatial formats for long-term preservation
 - Annotated survey of literature/guidance documents on geospatial appraisal documents



Next Steps

- ◆ In the coming months, the U/HDWG hopes to accomplish/discuss:
 - Continue work to identify long-term stewardship points of contact in all pertinent Federal agencies.
 - Follow the activity with the Geospatial Platform, focusing on archival and long-term stewardship considerations
 - Continue outreach and recruitment of potential U/HDWG members.



Questions?

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