



**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Coordination Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern
NO FED ONLY SESSION**

Location: National Capital
Planning Commission
(NCPC)
401 9th Street, NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
9:10 – 9:20	Previous Meeting Action Item Review	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
9:20 – 10:00	FGDC Business Report	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee Report	<i>Tony LaVoi, NOAA</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Vegetation Subcommittee Report	<i>Marianne Burke, FS</i>
10:40 – 11:00	Users/Historical Data Work Group Report	<i>Colleen Cahill, LoC</i>
11:00 – 11:45	Leadership Dialogue	<i>Anne Castle, DOI</i>
11:45 – 11:55	NSDI Strategic Plan Update	<i>John Mahoney, FGDC OS</i>
11:55 – 12:00	Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
12:00	<i>Adjourn</i>	

*Read-ahead Documents	1.
Other Relevant documents	

* Read-ahead documents are located at the my.usgs.gov site for member access.

CG Meeting Planning

<p>Coordination Group Meetings Topics (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn - All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm EST at NCPC in D.C., unless otherwise noted
<p>October 8, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from: Metadata SC (Jennifer Carlino); Geodetic Control SC (Juliana Blackwell); Transportation SC (Mark Bradford).
<p>November 19, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from: Standards WG (Julie Maitra); Wetlands SC (Bill Wilen).
<p>December 10, 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from: Geologic SC (Dave Soller); Spatial Water Data SC (Steve Aichele).



Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through September 10, 2013

Due Date: ASAP		
Lead:	CG Members	Action#: 20130618-06
Action:	Coordination Group members are asked to work with their dataset managers on completing NGDA actions items and on returning the NGDA crosswalk spreadsheets to Sean Zintel as soon as possible; or, alternatively, by coordinating with Wendy Blake-Coleman on a completion schedule.	
Contact:	Sean Zintel, FGDC OS/COMSO, szintel@usgs.gov ; Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Crosswalk spreadsheets have been received from only 5 of the 16 themes. CG members should continue to work with their dataset managers to ensure that the spreadsheets are sent to Sean ASAP.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20130813-01
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will work with Dave Soller and Wendy Blake-Coleman to schedule a Geologic Subcommittee discussion on how to categorize the Geologic Subcommittee's datasets and themes.	
Contact:	Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS, kmschaffer@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Dave and Wendy met; a follow-up meeting will be scheduled soon.	
Complete		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20130813-02
Action:	Any Coordination Group members with further questions on the HIFLD/FGDC alignment should contact either David Alexander or the FGDC Secretariat.	
Contact:	David Alexander, DHS, david.alexander1@hq.dhs.gov ; Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS, kmschaffer@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: 9/30/13		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20130813-03
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will work with Wendy Blake-Coleman, Adrian Gardner, and Lori Peltz-Lewis to schedule a Theme Lead meeting by the end of September.	
Contact:	Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS, kmschaffer@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	CG Members/NGDA Theme Leads	Action#: 20130813-04
Action:	CG Members and NGDA Theme Leads are asked to take a look at the A-16 Theme Lead	

	Collaboration Community and provide feedback on the site to ServiceDesk@geoplatform.us .	
Contact:	ServiceDesk@geoplatform.us or Sean Zintel, COMSO, szintel@usgs.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	NGDA Theme Leads	Action#: 20130813-05
Action:	Theme Leads interested in participating in functionality testing (UAT) for the A-16 Theme Lead Collaboration Community should contact Sean Zintel.	
Contact:	Sean Zintel, COMSO, szintel@usgs.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: ASAP		
Lead:	Sean Zintel, Doug Nebert, and Wendy Blake-Coleman	Action#: 20130813-06
Action:	Sean Zintel, Doug Nebert, and Wendy Blake-Coleman will coordinate a meeting to discuss the next steps on the NGDA crosswalk results/registration.	
Contact:	Sean Zintel, COMSO, szintel@usgs.gov ; Doug Nebert, FGDC OS, ddnebert@usgs.gov ; Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: ASAP		
Lead:	NGDA Theme Leads	Action#: 20130813-07
Action:	Theme Leads are asked to review the current versions of the Themes-At-A-Glance documents and provide updates to Wendy Blake-Coleman.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: 12/10/13		
Lead:	Tony LaVoi	Action#: 20130910-01
Action:	Tony LaVoi will provide a report back to the Coordination Group on Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee coordination activities in December.	
Contact:	Tony LaVoi, NOAA, Tony.Lavoi@noaa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		



Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2013

(Note: Primary CG members are indicated in **blue text**; alternate CG members are indicated in **red text**.)

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
	Shirley Hall	USDA- Farm Service Agency		Robert Welsh	DOI – Office of Surface Mining
x	Marisa Capriotti	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service		Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Betsy Kanalley	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Bill Wilen	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
x	Marianne Burke	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
x	Tony LaVoi	DOC - NOAA		Stephen Aichele	DOI – USGS
	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Anne O'Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Cecelia Henderson	Dept of State
x	Jim Bjostad	DOD - NGA	x	Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
	David LaBranche	DOD - DISDI	x	Raquel Hunt	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD - DISDI		Jimmy Amoaka-Atta	Dept of Treasury
x	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
x	Teddy Dyer	Dept. of Energy	x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
x	Stephanie Foster	DHHS – CDC		Dave Catlin	EPA
x	Lew Summers	DHS – Office of the CIO	x	John Sullivan	GSA
	Dennis Hardy	DHS		Autumn Wallin	GSA
x	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research	x	Colleen Cahill	Library of Congress
	Salvatore Sclafani	HUD - Office of Community Planning & Development		Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress

	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Gregory Mann	NASA
	Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy	x	Brett Abrams	NARA
	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM		Pamela Stephens	National Science Foundation
	Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Asghar Noor	Small Business Administration
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE		David Timmons	Social Security Administration
	David Duran	DOI – Nat’l Park Service		Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	Tim Smith	DOI – Nat’l Park Service			
	Other Attendees	Organization		Attendee	Organization
x	Anne Ball	NOAA	x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS
x	Nancy Blyler	USACE	x	Kristie McLeroy	USDA
x	Stephen Bryce	Esri	x	Marcia McNiff	USGS
x	Bill Burgess	NSGIC	x	Joni Piercy	NPS
x	Jennifer Carlino	FGDC OS	x	Alyssum Pohl	NOAA
x	Anne Castle	DOI	x	Ron Salz	USFWS
x	Duane Dippon	BLM	x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC OS
x	Leonard Gore	BLM	x	Diana Sinton	UCGIS
x	Rich Grady	Applied Geographics	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC OS
x	Shawn Gravatt	FGDC OS/COMSO	x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC OS
x	Charley Hickman	USGS	x	Lynda Wayne	GeoMaxim
x	Michel Kareis	GSA	x	Beth Wenstrom	BLM
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC OS	x	Robbie Wilson	NOAA
x	Butch Lazorchak	LoC	x	Linda Zellmer	WIU
x	Arista Maher	FGDC OS	x	Sean Zintel	FGDC OS/COMSO
x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS	x	Carl Zulick	USFS

Welcome and Introductions – Lew Summers, DHS (Co-Chair)

Lew Summers, Acting Chair welcomed participants to the meeting, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Previous Meeting Action Item Review – Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS

Ken Shaffer reviewed the action items, noting resolutions and responses.

FGDC Business Report - Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Ken Shaffer reported out on recent meetings and other developments in the FGDC. The meeting’s agenda was reviewed. The Executive Committee met most recently on August 1, where they tasked David Alexander (DHS), Dan Cotter (DHS), Adrian Gardner (NASA), and Jerry Johnston (DOI) with

developing a draft charter for the FGDC/HIFLD alignment. ExCom members Dan Cotter and Jim Bjostad (NGA) were asked to develop recommendations on the next steps for ExCom regarding the FirstNet proposal. ExCom members asked Adrian Gardner (NASA) to share the proposed A-16 Implementation Plan outline with the ExCom, and following that, with the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC).

The FGDC Steering Committee (SC) met on June 13. At the June meeting, SC members were asked to ensure that their agency responses to the FGDC memo sent through the President's Management Council to deputy secretaries were provided by June 20. Also, members were asked for their feedback on the NSDI Strategic Plan by June 24, with a second round of comments due back following the public comment period on August 21. An action on a potential NGAC discussion regarding the emergency response/first responder issue was established.

Since the last CG meeting, there have been no changes to SC or CG membership. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on September 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the South Interior Auditorium. Attendees are asked to register by COB September 10.

The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) met on September 4-5 at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV. Some of the agenda items included the NSDI Strategic Plan, a demonstration of Version 2.0 of the Geospatial Platform, the 3DEP Implementation Plan, and the Landsat Advisory Group's recommendations. The NGAC also conducted planning for future study topics, including Geolocation Privacy, a National Address Database, and Geospatial Workforce/Education. The FGDC will review and refine the study topics. The nominations for the next round of NGAC appointments are under review. Nominees should be identified by the end of the calendar year. The next NGAC meeting will take place in early December 2013.

The next Coordination Group meeting will be held on October 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern at the National Capital Planning Commission. Agenda topics to be discussed include: the Metadata Work Group Report, the Geodetic Control Subcommittee Report, the Cultural Resources Work Group Report, a presentation on the All-Roads Network Linear-Referenced Data, an update on the NSDI Strategic Plan, and a Federal-only session, featuring topics on Data Sets/Data themes, and an update on the Geospatial Platform.

An update on the GAO actions was given. The portfolio management activities are progressing. There was direction from the memo sent through the President's Management Council for agencies to identify theme leads and executive champions; there are still some outstanding POCs that need to be identified by agencies. The outline of the implementation plan has been developed, and the next theme lead meeting should be scheduled soon. On the Geospatial Platform action, it was noted that the "Marketplace" community on the Geospatial Platform is progressing, and the metadata catalog now supports "planned" tagging for records. The team is developing a capability to visualize geographic data collection areas. On the NSDI Strategic Plan action, it was noted that the public comment period on version 2 of the document is now closed. A third "NSDI Leaders' Forum" was held on August 26 for additional stakeholder feedback. The Strategic Plan has comprised the primary discussion items at the NGAC and Steering Committee meetings in September.

A review of the recent developments related to the Geospatial Platform and Geospatial Line of Business was given. There are still thirteen outstanding FY 13 interagency agreements that need to be processed. The Geospatial Platform team has added enhancements to Theme Lead Collaboration Community on the GeoPlatform, and has continued to provide support to Theme Leads and Dataset Managers on preparing NGDA metadata for harvesting in the new Catalog.Data.gov. They have also developed an NGDA Administrative Maturity Questionnaire and a Geospatial Data Lifecycle Evaluation Questionnaire, and

provided support for the development of the A-16 Implementation Plan. In addition, the Platform team has established a Marketplace Work Group to identify and manage the requirements for the September 2013 implementation, as well as a Site Content Workgroup to review, update, and approve content throughout the site. A new member of the COMSO team was added on August 19: Jim Irvine. The team has tested and moved SAML SSO with GSA IDP to the production environment, conducted meetings with stakeholders in the A-16 Communities to identify requirements and build a prototype, and has developed Rules of Behavior for the site (with input from stakeholders).

The FGDC Annual Report is in initial draft format. CG members were thanked for their contributions to the Report. Text and graphics will be submitted for layout design at the end of September. A version for the CG to review will be available sometime around mid-to-end of October.

The Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) program has provided over \$22 million in grants to further the National Spatial Data Infrastructure since 1994. Unfortunately, the program will not be funded in FY 13 and 14. The FGDC will evaluate options to continue the program in the future if funding is available.

An update on standards activities was given. Standards up for endorsement, withdrawal, and discontinuation at the upcoming September 24 Standards Work Group meeting were described. Progress on the CAP standards projects was described, including the scheduling of various conference calls with CAP participants. Various votes at the INCITS-L1/US TAG were detailed, and an update on OGC and GWG standards activities was given as well.

Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee Report – *Tony LaVoi, NOAA*

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Tony LaVoi reported on the recent activities of the Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittee is to advance and implement the Marine and Coastal National Spatial Data Infrastructure, working to develop strategic partnerships, relevant standards, and enhance access to and utility of coastal and ocean framework data. The definition of the Water—Oceans and Coasts A-16 theme was given, as well as a review of compliance with the A-16 Supplemental Guidance. The Executive Champion and Theme Lead have been named. The various NOAA and BOEM datasets within this theme were described. Additionally, Tony described the process for FGDC endorsement of the Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standards (CMECS) and the National Shoreline Data Content Standard.

A description of the Nautical Charting Solution II (NCS II), a new nautical charting system in NOAA, was given to the CG. NOAA's use of the U.S. Maritime Zones and Boundaries data and updates to these data sets were described. Interagency coordination activities of the Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee with groups including the Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping group, the Integrated Ocean Observing System group, and the Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning group were outlined.

The next steps for the Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee include defining the relationship of the Subcommittee to other national marine and coastal geospatial/data initiatives; redefining the Subcommittee to align with OMB Circular A-16; finalizing the list of supporting datasets; promoting participation in the Geospatial Platform; sponsoring FGDC standards activities; and fostering communication and collaboration across applications and systems.

ACTION: Tony LaVoi will provide a report back to the Coordination Group on Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee coordination activities in December.

Vegetation Subcommittee Report – Marianne Burke, FS

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Marianne Burke, the new Chair of the Vegetation Subcommittee, reported on the Subcommittee's recent activities. She presented the membership of the Subcommittee, as well as the mission, which is the coordination of terrestrial vegetative data-related activities among Federal agencies and the establishment of a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of terrestrial vegetation data. The following data themes and data sets fall under the purview of the Subcommittee: the National Vegetation Classification Standard; the revised content for eight levels of the NVC hierarchy; and the VegBank, a permanent archive of the vegetation plot data (managed by the Ecological Society of America).

The recent meetings include a June meeting with the Deputy Chief and Associate Deputy Chiefs of Forest Service R&D. The topics discussed included an update on the activities of the subcommittee, panel, working groups and grants, plans for Year 5 of the Forest Service Cooperative Agreement, and a succession plan for former chair Ralph Crawford. It was decided that Forest Service would maintain its role as champion of the Vegetation Subcommittee and Year 5 of the Cooperative Agreement. Other meetings include: the Strategic Collaborative Science Summit II hosted by the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units Network (July 2013); the ESA Vegetation Classification Panel workshop in Minneapolis, MN (August 6, 2013); the Vegetation Subcommittee, which presented an update to the Interagency Land Management Adaptation Group (September 5, 2013); and regular meetings of the Vegetation Subcommittee monthly throughout 2013.

It was noted that a new MOU was recently written to formalize the partnership between Federal and non-Federal partners. Both the NVC Implementation Plan and the Vegetation Subcommittee charter are in the process of being revised as well. Moreover, the Subcommittee is creating a subgroup to focus on mapping activities. An NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program grant was used to establish an alliance and association level classification for California using the NVC. The focus is on the alliances that are endemic to CA. Additionally, a pilot project entitled, "US National Vegetation Process Testing Peer Review" is underway. The ESA Panel is refining the process and establishing policies specific to reviewing proposed changes to the NVC. Planning has begun for publication of the proceedings of the USNVC peer review. Various other collaborations involving the use of the NVC, as well as outreach and education efforts were also described.

The next meeting of the Vegetation Subcommittee will be held later in September 2013. They plan on discussing the status of the revised charter, the status of the MOU, the publication of the HRWG report, funding for VegBank, and a revision to their website. In the coming months, they also hope to revise the Implementation Plan, and research the potential for an interagency agreement and funding specific to maintaining and revising content, conducting outreach, and building and maintaining the necessary cyber-infrastructure.

Leadership Dialogue – Anne Castle, Chair, FGDC; DOI Assistant Secretary for Water and Science

Anne Castle, FGDC Chair, attended the Coordination Group meeting to provide remarks and participate in a dialogue with Coordination Group members. Anne began by providing background on her involvement in the FGDC. She noted that the FGDC now has the opportunity to have Secretary Sally Jewell serve as an advocate of geospatial activities. Since Secretary Jewell began her term in April 2013, she has been talking about the power of geospatial information to help us do our jobs better. She has named as one of her priorities building a landscape-level understanding of our resources, calling out the Geospatial Platform by name as an opportunity to harness the potential of geospatial information.

Anne stated that she attended the data transparency conference this morning. As part of the panel discussion she participated in, she talked about Secretary Jewell's priorities and specifically the Geospatial Platform. Of the 90,000 datasets on Data.gov, the vast majority are geospatial.

The NGAC's Landsat Advisory Group was discussed. Anne noted that Landsat was the pioneer of free and open satellite data. The community is challenged in determining what is the future of Landsat. Landsat 8 was launched in February 2013; Landsat 7 is still flying, but it is expected to run out of gas in 2017 and fall out of the sky, which will mean only one Landsat satellite will be flying. Landsat satellites can image every spot on Earth every 16 days, which means that two satellites can accomplish this in 8 days. The challenge is determining how to sustain this rich program. Congress has directed NASA and USGS, who jointly managed Landsat, to prepare a plan for the future of Landsat for the next 20 years. Technology is changing quickly, so we may not be best served by creating a clone of the current satellite. The task at hand is to ensure that between USGS and NASA that there is sufficient funding in the budgets to start the actual design and build of Landsat 9, and at the same time, to plan for the future after that, so we do not lock ourselves into technology that will not serve us well in the future.

The 3D Elevation Program is making great progress. They are continuing to acquire elevation data, which they has been discussed with the Steering Committee. The best example of where this is helping is in Alaska, where maps are 50 years old or older. Pilots are using old maps that do not include accurate elevation data. USGS is bringing Alaska mapping into the 21st century by gathering elevation data that will allow maps to be updated.

The Geospatial Platform was discussed. Anne mentioned that the attendees at the Data Transparency Conference seemed very interested in this initiative, as they see it as a focal point for execution of the Open Data executive order. OMB will be encouraging the use of the Geospatial Platform to reap efficiencies. Anne stated that she is excited to watch the development of the Geospatial Platform communities to facilitate new uses, analyses and application of data.

She praised the work of the FGDC on putting together the NSDI Strategic Plan, which is making great progress. The efforts on the Plan have ensured that the FGDC is responding appropriately to the GAO recommendations of November 2012. The GAO report identified items that the CG and other FGDC entities were already working on, but it served as a catalyst for our work, particularly with respect to the NSDI Strategic Plan. The next step is to implement the actions identified in the Strategic Plan.

Anne next spoke about the NGAC future study topics, including the promotion of a National Address Database; she noted that NGAC has always been focused in this area. Furthermore, the NGAC will advise the FGDC on geolocation privacy data issues, a topic that is rife with legal considerations and many different points of view. The NGAC is also planning on studying and providing recommendations on topics related to geospatial workforce development. Those recommendations might be passed along to the Secretary of Education, National Science Foundation, or other appropriate venues, depending on where the NGAC thinks they might be most useful. Secretary Jewell has also asked NGAC for its help on gathering input from stakeholders on what kinds of data can best help our constituents (state, local, Federal, tribes, public); specifically, what kind of information do they want to have available from FGDC agencies? How can we develop geospatially-enabled applications that can help government make better decisions and help the public?

Coordination Group members were given an opportunity to engage in dialogue with Chair, Anne Castle. John Sullivan (GSA) stated that he believes that dialogues with OMB are most important. Anne responded that she agrees and stated that the FGDC has been told by Scott Bernard (OMB) that they "opportunities to support cross-government geospatial initiatives." However, budget constraints are

always a challenge. John Sullivan further suggested thinking about theme funding rather than agency funding. Anne responded that there is a value proposition for doing that. The president's management agenda is about finding interagency collaboration/funding opportunities.

Dick Vraga (USGS) stated that while Federal agencies would like to coordinate and collaborate on activities/projects, there are authorities required to meet agency missions. He suggested that perhaps there is some sort of creative mechanism to pool funding for broad interagency projects (i.e., a working capital fund concept) to fund longer-term projects. Federal agencies are willing to cooperate, but easier administrative processes would facilitate that activity. Anne responded that this has been occurring with the Alaska mapping initiatives, and it has not been easy to bring all stakeholders into the funding strategy: passing the hat is a difficult approach. This concern may be helped through USGS and its contracting activities, i.e. having data acquisition as a service types of contracts in place for collaborative data efforts. Ivan responded that the Geospatial Platform contract is fee-for-service, so an agency can make its own decisions on what services they want, how tasks are written, and what deliverables are desired. In the past, resources were required up front. In the near future, we have more flexibility on the Geospatial Platform contract. However, we have not tried this for data acquisition. Anne suggested that maybe she should raise this with OMB as a possible solution.

Jon Sperling (HUD) asked Anne to elaborate on the Secretary's priorities surrounding the use of geospatial data to provide a "landscape-level understanding." Anne clarified that this meant developing resources to provide policy makers a geospatial representation of areas of high development potential in the nation.

Leonard Gore (BLM) spoke about the geospatial business case for lines of business, specifically giving the example of that type of planning within BLM. He stated that the challenge is the amount of time it takes for the plan to get signed. Planning 2.0 is BLM's new initiative, which serves to expedite them and make them more efficient. In order to do that, we need to make sure data and resources are standard in the plan. The Geospatial Platform can help find the common denominator across all plans. BLM is utilizing the same data/processes for each plan to move them forward.

Jim Bjostad (NGA) commented that he believes that Secretary Jewell's advocacy, along with Scott Bernard's, will greatly benefit the FGDC community. He stated that "we have 3 years to achieve something politically." Having the Secretary advocate for us will be incredibly helpful, as she can provide the "push" for the Platform. Anne said that she will make sure to convey our community's excitement about her interest, and thanked the Coordination Group for their work on these issues.

Users/Historical Data Work Group Report – Colleen Cahill, LoC

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Colleen Cahill gave a brief update on the recent activities of the Users/Historical Data Work Group. The mission, purpose, and membership 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 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. They have a broad base of participation, including state, academic, and private organizations.

The U/HDWG meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. The U/HDWG continues to work on the annotated survey of the geospatial literature, and they have held discussions on literature/guidance

documents on geospatial appraisal documents. Some of the outcomes from their recent meetings include that they: sent the first release of annotated survey of appraisal literature; provided outreach to users of Federal Geospatial Data; continued feedback on the Geospatial Platform; and shared information on geospatial events and projects. There was also a recent presentation by Voyager GIS Data Discovery at one of their meetings. Furthermore, they are compiling a document entitled *Common Elements of an Appraisal Process*.

The group is always looking for more members. Their next meeting will take place on September 26, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., via webinar. They will be discussing the annotated survey of literature/guidance documents in order to fine tune the documents. In the future, they plan on focusing on long-term stewardship activities related to the Geospatial Platform.

Colleen briefly turned the presentation over to her colleague at the Library of Congress, Butch Lazorchak. Butch gave an overview of the guidance document. He noted that it is a product of the work group with input of members of work group, but broader input is appreciated. He also gave a brief rundown of digital preservation activities at the Library of Congress.

NSDI Strategic Plan Update – John Mahoney, FGDC OS

[Presentation](#)

John Mahoney updated the Coordination Group members on the progress to date regarding the NSDI Strategic Plan. He reiterated that the Plan's purpose is to develop a concise, updated strategic plan to guide the Federal government's activities toward the further development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). A high-level timeline of activities was shown. It was noted that during the September/October 2013 time frame, they plan on developing the final draft of the Strategic Plan (version 3). In November/December, the FGDC and NGAC will review the document for endorsement. A review of the process thus far was presented. At the September 5 NGAC sessions, that group endorsed the following resolution:

“The NGAC supports the revised version of the draft NSDI Strategic Plan and encourages the FGDC to finalize the plan and take action to actively begin implementation. The NGAC welcomes additional opportunities to provide input and feedback on the implementation phase of the strategic plan.”

The immediate next steps are for the Core Team to review the comments and feedback received from all stakeholders and prepare the final draft version of the Strategic Plan (version 3), which will then go through the NGAC and FGDC endorsement processes. Following the adoption of the NSDI Strategic Plan, the FGDC Executive Committee will oversee the development of project plans for goals and objectives in the Plan.

Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda – Arista Maher, FGDC OS

Action items from the meeting were reviewed and topics for the next meeting were discussed.

Adjourn