



**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Coordination Group Meeting
Tuesday, December 09 , 2014
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Eastern
Fed Only Session: 11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Eastern**

**Location: Webinar/Telecon
ONLY**

FINAL AGENDA

9:00 – 9:05	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
9:05 – 9:15	Previous Meeting Item Review	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS</i>
9:15 – 10:00	FGDC Business Report	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC, OS</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Geodetic Control Subcommittee	<i>Juliana Blackwell, Jeremy McHugh, DOC</i>
10:15 – 10:30	NDOP Subcommittee	<i>Dick Vraga, USGS; Shirley Hall, USDA</i>

10:30 – 10:45 **Other Agency Announcements**

*Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC
OS*

10:45 – 11:00 **Action Item Review**

*Lucia Foulkes, FGDC,
OS*

*Read-ahead Documents	1.
Other Relevant documents	

CG Meeting Planning

Coordination Group Meetings Topics (in addition to the following standing items)
- Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Net Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn
- All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 12pm EST, unless otherwise noted

October 21, 2014

(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)

- **Metadata WG (Jennifer Carlino);**
- **Vegetation SC (Marianne Burke);**
- **Connected Vehicles (Carl Andersen).**

November 18, 2014

(Cancelled)

December 9, 2014

(Via Webinar and Telecon Only)

- **Geodetic Control SC (Juliana Blackwell);**
- **NDOP (Dick Vraga, Shirley Hall).**



Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through December 09, 2014

On Hold		
Lead:	Steve Lewis, DOT	Action#: 20140610-04
Action:	Steve Lewis and other contacts at the Department of Transportation will work together with Tim Trainor (Census Bureau) to draft a proposal regarding the possibility of DOT hosting a repository for a potential National Address Database. They will provide this proposal to the FGDC Secretariat by June 26.	
Contact:	Steve Lewis, DOT, steve.lewis@dot.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	This action is on hold, pending maturation of planning for the database. Updates will be provided to the CG as progress is made.	
Pending		
Lead:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS	Action#: 20140909-03
Action:	Engage FDGC to recognize the “Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value” document in an official capacity.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, OS, ideloatch@usgs.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	FGDC addressed this topic on the Business report.	
Complete		
Lead:	Coordination Group	Action#: 20141209-01
Action:	Coordination Group members have the opportunity to provide ideas and suggestions on how to shape the workshop and initiate the planning process by December 29, 2014	
Contact:	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC, OS, lfoulkes@usgs.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	No comments were received	
Due Date: January 13, 2015		
Lead:	Coordination Group	Action#: 20141209-02
Action:	CG members are asked to assist theme leads on the Baseline Assessment Support group, members who would like to participate in this group should contact Wendy Blake-Coleman	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, Blake-Coleman.Wendy@epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		

Due Date: January 13, 2015

Lead:	Coordination Group	Action#: 20141209-03
Action:	Coordination Group members who would like to partner and contribute to the funding buy-up for the Alaska imagery should contact Dick Vraga, dvraga@usgs.gov .	
Resolution/ Response:		
Contact:	<i>Dick Vraga, USGS, rsvraga@usgs.gov</i>	
Complete		
Lead:	Lucia Foulkes	Action#: 20141209-04
Action:	Include links to videos on Geodetic Datums on the minutes.	
Contact:	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC, OS, lfoulkes@usgs.gov</i>	
Resolution/ Response:	Link to video on Geodetic Datums has been included in the minutes.	



Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting MEETING MINUTES December 09, 2014

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

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
x	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
	Marianne Burke	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
x	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
	Tony LaVoi	DOC – NOAA		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau		Cecelia Henderson	Dept of State
x	Anne O'Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
x	William Spencer James	DOD – NGA		Raquel Hunt	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
	David LaBranche	DOD – DISDI	x	Jimmy Amoaka-Atta	Dept of Treasury
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD – DISDI		Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs

	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
x	Bill Nye	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics	x	Dave Catlin	EPA
	Teddy Dyer	Dept. of Energy		Donald Campbell	FCC
x	Stephanie Foster	DHHS – CDC	x	Michel Kareis	GSA
x	Lew Summers	DHS – Office of the CIO		George Deyckere	GSA
	Dennis Hardy	DHS	x	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
x	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Vacant	NASA
	Salvatore Sclafani	HUD - Office of Community Planning & Development	x	Vacant	NASA
	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Brett Abrams	NARA
	Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy		Pamela Stephens	National Science Foundation
	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM		Stuart Reiter	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	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			
x	Lucie Vogel	HHS			

	Other Attendees	Organization		Attendee	Organization
x	Bill Burgess	NSGIC	x	Anne Ball	NOAA
x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC OS	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC OS
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC OS	x	Gita Urban-Mathieu	FGDC OS
x	Lucia Foulkes	FGDC OS	x	Nathan Beck	FDA-HHS
x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS	x	Lorri Peltz-Lewis	FS
x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS	x	Karl Brown	DOI- Nat'l Park Service
x	Jennifer Carlino	FGDC OS	x	Jeremy McHugh	NOAA
x	Larry Hothem	DOI-USGS	x	Charles Hickman	DOI-USGS
x	Ashley Chapell	NOAA	x	James Garster	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers
x	Marcia McNiff	DOI-USGS	x	Kristie McLeroy	USDA
x	Linda Zellmer	WIU	x	Butch Lazorchak	LOC
x	Robby Wilson	NOAA	x		

Welcome and Introductions - Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS

Ivan DeLoatch, Chair, of the FGDC Coordination Group welcomed participants and invited them to introduce themselves.

Previous Meeting Action Item Review – Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS

The action items from prior meetings were reviewed.

FGDC Business Report – Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS

[\[Presentation, PPT\]](#)

Ken Shaffer reported that pending official designation from the Secretary, Ms. Jennifer Gimbel, DOI Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, will be the new FGDC chair. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Vice Chair position is also awaiting a new designee.

Mr. John Mahoney provided an overview of agenda topics discussed at the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) meeting on December 3, 2014, and noted the activities of the various subcommittees.

The NGAC adopted two papers; the “NGAC National Address Database Use Case Paper - December 2014” developed by the Address Subcommittee, and the “NGAC Landsat Economic Value Paper - 2014 Update” developed by the Landsat Advisory Group. It was noted that the 2015 NGAC Guidance includes both a set of priority study topics and on-going initiatives.. Mr. Mahoney highlighted that the 2015 Guidance to the NGAC set of priorities study topics for 2015 include: the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) outreach and communication activities, which is one of the actions on the NSDI Strategic Plan and an area that will be supported by the geospatial platform contract, Crowd-Sourced Geospatial Data, Geolocation Privacy, Landsat Advisory Group, and 3D Elevation Program. The Geolocation Privacy Subcommittee is preparing to hold briefing for the CIO Council, Privacy Subcommittee.

The NGAC and Steering Committee’ 2015 meetings are tentatively scheduled for March, June, September, and December. On the March 17 – 18 meeting, the initial reports of the subcommittees will be focusing on Crowd-Sourced Geospatial Data. Mr. Mahoney reported that Gary Thompson (NC) and FGDC staff will work with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) to schedule a webinar discussion with NGAC members on the NGS datum modernization initiative in early 2015. Additionally, the Census Bureau and the Department of Transportation are planning a stakeholder meeting in spring 2015 to discuss National Address Database business requirements. FGDC will provide additional information about this workshop to NGAC members, including a request to identify potential participants.

The next Coordination Group Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT (at Rachel Carson Room) The primary meeting focus will be to discuss changes that should be made to CG meetings, operations, and areas of focus. The 2015 Coordination Group meeting schedule can be found at <http://www.fgdc.gov/calendar/month>.

An update of the of 2014 Government Accountability Office (GAO) engagement noted that the draft report is expected to be received this month, for agency review and comment, and the final report is estimated to be released in February 2015.

A summary of updates of the National Geospatial Data Assets (NGDA) Plan included the completion of the Baseline Dataset Assessment Survey questions, and the status of the registration of NGDA Datasets in GeoPlatform.gov/Data.gov catalog. An electronic ballot for adoption of the NGDA Baseline Assessment Survey was sent to the Coordination Group on December 3, 2014. Votes are due back by December 12, 2014. It was reported that an interagency team was formed to review geospatial investment budget codes and to develop a scoping document. There is one change on the NGDA Theme Lead for Climate and Weather: Kari Sheets, Department of Commerce, NOAA, replaced Ann Ball.

An overview of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Strategic Plan actions was provided. The implementation plans for 7 of the 9 objectives were completed in June, 2014. In October 2014, the NSDI Plan Status report was completed. The status report summarizes the FGDC performance in addressing FY 2014 targets, and includes updates on draft FY 2015 and 2016 targets. The status report will be included in the FGDC 2014 Annual Report. The NSDI Plan Implementation status was shown. Next steps included

validation and update of FY 2015 targets, and working with the Geospatial Platform PMO on implementation and communication strategies.

A status the Geospatial Line of Business Platform activities noted that the Interagency agreements for collection process for FY15 were drafted, agencies should take a look at the interagency document points of contacts (POC) list to validate that information. The Geospatial Platform Contract support awardees are Ardent Management Consulting, Image Matters, LLC and Five-9 Group.

An update on FGDC Standards was provided. The FGDC Coordination Group approved public review of Part 2: Digital orthoimagery (revised) of Geographic Information Framework Data Standard. The draft Part 2: Digital Orthoimagery (revised) seeks to establish a common baseline for the semantic content of orthoimagery databases. It also seeks to decrease costs, simplify the exchange of orthoimagery data, and discourage duplicative data collection. The Federal Register Notice for the public comment period should be published this month.

Other FGDC Standards activities included the recommendation for FGDC endorsement of the National Shoreline Data Content Standard, and recommendation for public review of the draft Geographic Information Framework Data Content Standard, Part 4: Geodetic Control (revised). More information on these standards can be found at https://www.fgdc.gov/standards/organization/FGDC-SWG/meetings/2014-12-11_SWG/.

Action: The deadline for the Coordination Group member to submit ideas, comments, and suggestions on how to shape the January workshop has been extended to December 29, 2014. Comments should be sent to Lucia Foulkes at lfoulkes@usgs.gov.

Action: Coordination group members are asked to participate and assist theme leads on the baseline assessment support work. Members should contact Wendy Blake-Coleman at Blake-Coleman.Wendy@epa.gov

Geodetic Control Subcommittee, Juliana Blackwell, NOAA

[[Presentation , PPT](#)]

Juliana Blackwell, Subcommittee Chair, provided a brief introduction of the subcommittee and its participating agencies, and presented a video about Geodetic Datums. More information about Geodetic Datums can be found on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsyDl_aqUTdFY6eKURmiCBBk-mP4R10Dx.

Ms. Blackwell pointed out that the Gravity for the Redefinition of the American Vertical Datum (GRAV-D) is a National Geodetic Survey project to acquire airborne gravity data across the U.S. and U.S. territories to support the implementation of a geopotential (gravity-based) vertical datum in 2022. It was reported that 38 % of the work is done on the GRAV-D project. Additionally, it was noted that the Iowa Geoid Slope Validation Survey is complete.

The topics to be discussed in the January 2015 meeting included the Bluebook (database input and format changes), and the Plans for April 2015 Geospatial Summit with the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Ms. Blackwell announced that NGS will put on a webinar for NGAC members in January to present the organization's current plans and activities regarding datum modernization efforts.

National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) - Shirley Hall, Dick Vraga, DOI

[[Presentation, PPT](#)]

Shirley Hall provided a summary of updates on Agriculture Imagery Program (NIAP) and recent activities of the subcommittee were briefly discussed. Dick Vraga noted that the recent statement of facts from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) engagement mentioned that there was minimal duplication in the imagery theme. Additionally, Mr. Vraga provided an overview of the activities in Alaska and noted the current priority consist in topographic (elevation) data collection efforts.

Dick Vraga pointed out that the in November 4, 2014 the State of Alaska has identified \$1.4 million for a refresh of existing SPOT ortho-imagery for the entire state with new imagery. This imagery (5-meter resolution, multiband) was collected during 2012 and 2013 with 95% collected in 2013, and all of it in two years. BlackBridge is offering this imagery from the RapidEye system under a very flexible license that permits all unrestricted non-commercial use; commercial for-profit use would not be permitted under the license agreement. Alaska is seeking partners to provide an additional sum of \$610,000 to complete the purchase and provide the flexible license. The NDOP endorses acquiring such imagery for Alaska.

Action: Coordination Group members who would like to partner and contribute to the funding buy-up for the Alaska imagery should contact Dick Vraga, dvraga@usgs.gov and Shirley Hallshirley.hall@wdc.usda.gov

Action: Links to NGS videos on Geodetic Datums should be included in the minutes.

General Agency Announcements - Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, OS

Mr. Dick Vraga made a few announcements on activities in the USGS and the Department of the Interior that included a meeting that will be focusing on the requirements of hydrography study at the Main Interior Building, (Rachel Carson room) on December 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additionally, Mr. Vraga pointed out that the "3D Elevation Program Initiative - A Call for Action" document is available online at <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1399>. Mr. Vraga also noted that the National Geospatial Program is doing a survey of DOI users to learn on how they utilize the services of The National Map.

Mr. Karl Brown, National Park Service, posed the question to the coordination group on issues agencies have trying to participate in multi-year funded projects. He highlighted that agencies need multi-year funding authority (e.g. capital fund) to assemble multi-year funds for imagery collections. It was proposed that multi-year funding authority be a discussion topic in future agenda development. Ivan DeLoatch,

Coordination Group chair has suggested that this issue should be referred to the DOI GIO, and also to the Imagery Theme Executive Champion for potential follow up.

Action Item Review - Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS

The actions captured were briefly reviewed.

Adjourn