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**AGENDA**

09:00 – 09:05	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
09:05 – 09:10	<b>Previous Meeting Action Item Review</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS</i>
09:10 – 09:30	<b>FGDC Business Highlights</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Wetlands Subcommittee Report</b>	<i>Megan Lang, FWS</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>USDA Data Management Policy Approach</b>	<i>Ted Payne, USDA</i>
10:30 – 10:55	<b>USGS Topo TNM Style Template</b>	<i>Kristin Fishburn, USGS</i>
10:55 – 11:20	<b>Earth Observation Services</b>	<i>Maryanne Sellman, GSA</i>
11:20 – 11:45	<b>Geospatial Platform PMO Activities Update</b>	<i>Jim Irvine, ArdentMC</i>
11:45 – 1:00	<b>Break</b>	
1:00-1:25	<b>FGDC Automated Business Process Tools – Demo</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS; Image Matters</i>
1:25 – 2:55	<b>Status of the NSDI Strategic Plan, and the NGDA Management Plan Evaluation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Coordination Group Focus Session on NSDI Strategic Plan (Member Discussion)</b></li></ul>	<i>John Mahoney, FGDC OS; Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
2:55 – 3:00	<b>Other Agency Announcement, and Action Item Review</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS; Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS</i>
	<b>Adjourn</b>	

<b>*Read-ahead Documents</b>	FGDC Business Highlights, Evaluation of the NSDI Strategic Plan, and NGDA Management Plan.
<b>Other Relevant documents</b>	None

\* Read-ahead documents are posted at

### 2016 CG Meeting Dates

<p><b>Coordination Group Meetings Topics</b> (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - Other Agency Announcements; - Geospatial Platform PMO Support Update; - Summary of Action Items; - Adjourn</li> <li>- All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 12pm EST, unless otherwise noted</li> </ul>
<b>September 13, 2016 – Rachel Carson Room –Wetlands Subcommittee (Megan Lang)</b>
<b>October 11, 2016 – Rachel Carson Room – National Boundaries Group (Laura Waggoner); Geodetic Control Subcommittee (rescheduled from 9/13)</b>
<b>November 8, 2016 – Rachel Carson Room – Metadata Working Group (Jennifer Carlino)</b>
<b>December 13, 2016 – Rachel Carson Room – Spatial Water Data Subcommittee (Al Rea, Ed Clark)</b>

## Action Items, September 13, 2016

<b>Action#:2016 09 13 -01</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will share the information on the National Parcel Data Requirement Workshop with the Coordination Group.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	The information was sent to the CG on September 14 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Action#:2016 09 13 -02</b>	<b>October 11, 2016</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group, Lucia Foulkes, Maryanne Sellman
<b>Action:</b>	Coordination Group member agencies that would like to volunteer or further discuss requirements development for a multi-agency blanket purchase agreement (BPA) for earth observation services, should contact Maryanne Sellman at <a href="mailto:maryanne.sellman@gsa.gov">maryanne.sellman@gsa.gov</a> or on 703-605-5567.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	
<b>Action#:2016 09 13 -03</b>	
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC secretariat will share GSA and NGA's initiative with state and locals organizations.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	This information will be shared in a future presentation to the NGAC

## **Previous Actions Items**

<b>Action#:2016 07 12 -01</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	Marianne Burke, Forest Service

<b>Action:</b>	A meeting will be scheduled with SAOGIs (Ted Payne (USDA) and Jerry Johnston (DOI)), the Vegetation Subcommittee leads (Marianne Burke and Alexa McKerrow), and the Land Use-Land Cover Theme Leads (Greg Reams and Jonathan Smith) to discuss the proposal to sustain the NVC infrastructure.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	Meeting with SAOGIs did not take place because a more appropriate method was identified during a meeting with the NGDA Theme coordinator. Details below: Currently the US National Vegetation Classification (NVC) dataset it is not included in any Theme within the A-16 NGDA Portfolio. The best fit is within the Land Cover Land Use Theme. With the recent maturation and rollout of the NVC, and the strong support provided the NVC from several federal agencies and partners, it is time for the NVC to be considered for inclusion of the A-16 NGDA Portfolio. The Vegetation Subcommittee is developing a strong case for that dataset to be included, and that case will be presented to the FGDC Steering committee. The Vegetation Subcommittee will work with the Land Use/Land Cover Theme leads, involved agencies, and partners to build the successful case. The subcommittee is confident that the NVC meets the qualifications to be included in the portfolio and they now understand the process to get the database considered for inclusion. Once included in the portfolio, the infrastructure needs of the NVC can be considered in the Theme implementation plan.
<b>Action#:2016 07 12- 02</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS
<b>Action:</b>	The contact information for Michelle Anthony will be made part of the minutes.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	The contact information is included in the July CG minutes.
<b>Action#:2016 07 12 -03</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	Lynda Liptrap , U.S. Census Bureau
<b>Action:</b>	Participants to the Federal National Address Database (NAD) Requirement Workshop should contact Lynda Liptrap at <a href="mailto:lynda.a.liptrap@census.gov">lynda.a.liptrap@census.gov</a> for any questions.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	The NAD workshop was postponed announcement via email on July 18 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Action#:2016 06 07 -03</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	Jen Carlino, FGDC
<b>Action:</b>	The next CG meeting will include a topic on the metadata tool.
<b>Contact:</b>	Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	Information on the metadata tool will be shared when more information is available.

## Ongoing Action

<b>Action#:2016 04 12 -01</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat
<b>Action:</b>	The Secretariat will request agenda topics from the Coordination Group on monthly basis.
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>
<b>Resolution/Response</b>	

## Coordination Group Meeting Attendance

(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		Douglas Geverdt	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics
x	Marisa Capriotti	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service		Vacant	Dept. of Energy
	Betsy Kanalley	USDA – US Forest Service		Andrew Dent	DHHS – CDC
	Marianne Burke	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Lucie Vogel	DHHS- Indian Health Services
x	Lisa McBride	USDA – US Forest Service		Lew Summers	DHS – Office of the CIO
	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey		Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research
	Tony LaVoi	DOC – NOAA		Salvatore Sclafani	HUD - Office Community Planning & Development
x	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau		David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research
x	Anne Ball	DOC-NOAA		Robert Welsh	DOI – Office of Surface Mining
	Vacant	DOD – NGA		Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
	David LaBranche	DOD – DISDI	x	Megan Lang	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD – DISDI	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Don Buhler	DOI – BLM
	Bill Nye	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement
	Seshagirirao (Seshu) Vaddey	DOI – Nat'l Park Service		Vacant	NASA
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE		Vacant	NASA
	David Duran	DOI – Nat'l Park Service		Vacant	NARA
	Tim Smith	DOI – Nat'l Park Service		Eva Zanzerkia	National Science Foundation
x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	DOI – USGS		Stuart Reiter	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	Glenn Guempel	DOI – USGS		Daniel Cole	Smithsonian Institution
	Cecelia Henderson	Dept of State		Asghar Noor	Small Business Administration
	Tom Roff	Department of Transportation-		Ben Gurga	Social Security Administration
	Derald Dudley	Department of Transportation		David Timmons	Social Security Administration
	Jimmy Amoaka-Atta	Dept of Treasury		Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs			

	Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs			
x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	Environmental Protection Agency			
	Dave Catlin	Environmental Protection Agency			
	Chris Gao	Federal Communications Commission			
	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress			
	<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>		<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organization</b>
x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC OS	x	Maryanne Sellman	GSA
x	Lucia Foulkes	FGDC OS	x	Marcia McNiff	DOI-USGS
x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS	x	Kristin Fishburn	DOI-USGS
x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS	x	Ted Payne	USDA
x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC OS	x	Anita Glegg	NGA
x	Jen Carlino	FGDC OS	x	and Mr. Jeff Haak	NGA
x	Roxanne Lamb				

**Welcome and Introductions, Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS**

On behalf of Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC chair, Ken Shaffer (FGDC OS) welcomed members to the meeting.

**Previous Meeting Action Item Review, Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS**

Actions from the August meeting were reviewed.

**FGDC Business Highlights, Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS**

Ken Shaffer reported on FGDC business activities. Highlights included:

**Committee's Decisions Summary**

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the FGDC Steering Committee in concurrence with OMB approved the establishment of the NGDA Address Theme. Co- Leads of the theme are the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Commerce (DOC), U.S. Census Bureau. DOT and the Census Bureau will continue with the pilot efforts. A subcommittee or Workgroup will be created to support the development of a National Address Database. FGDC will release a news item on the website to announce the establishment of the Address Theme.

The FGDC will conclude the Steering Committee meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with the 2016 Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award. The award will be presented to the "Oak Ridge National Laboratory Distributed Active Archive Center" (ORNL DAAC) MODIS team. Attendees should contact Lucia Foulkes to register ([lfoulkes@usgs.gov](mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov))

The Steering Committee will vote to approve the Architecture and Technology Working Group charter as well as the Standards Working Group (revised) charter. Votes are due on September 21, 2016. Additionally, the Coordination Group will vote to recommend Steering Committee endorsement of the following standards:

- INCITS/ISO 19115-1:2014[2014] and
- INCITS/ISO 19157:2013[2014]

Votes are due on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### CG and SC Monthly Membership Changes

- Tod Dabolt (DOI) is the new Senior Agency Official for Geospatial Information (SAOGI) replacing Jerry Johnston.
- Todd McNeil has been added as the CG Member Alternate for Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### Steering Committee

The FGDC Steering Committee will meet on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the South Interior Auditorium, Washington DC, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Agenda Topics

- FGDC Business Activities
- NSDI Strategic Plan Framework Dialog
- National Address Database (NAD)
- NGAC Meeting Summary
- NGDA Water - Oceans and Coasts Theme Report
- Geospatial Platform Update
- USDA Data Management Policy Approach
- Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award

Register with Lucia Foulkes (lfoulkes@usgs.gov) to attend the meeting.

### Executive Committee

An Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, to obtain ExCom input on the NSDI Strategic Framework.

### National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC)

The NGAC meeting will meet on September 27 and 28, at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV. Registration is required. Contact Lucia Foulkes by Sept. 20 to register

#### Agenda Topics:

- Leadership Dialogue
- FGDC Report
- NSDI Strategic Planning/Transition Planning
- Emerging Technologies
- Policy Framework
- Standards Coordination
- Landsat
- Public Comment Period

NGAC subcommittees include: Emerging Technologies, Policy Framework, Standards Coordination, and Landsat Advisory Group (LAG).

NGAC subcommittees are working on their recommendation papers. Subcommittees began developing papers earlier this year, will discuss and further develop at the June and September meetings with final documents expected for NGAC approval at the December meetings. There will be an emerging technologies spotlight session and the September NGAC meeting, Revised guidance to the LAG is being finalized and their responses to the study questions are expected by March 2017.

### Coordination Group Meeting Dates

The next Coordination Group meeting will be on October 11, 2016.

#### 2014 GAO Engagement

FGDC has 3 remaining actions in connection to the 2015 GAO report. Actions on Geospatial Platform monitoring and metrics dashboards are on-going as part of the GeoPlatform.gov development cycles.

- Create address data theme and associated subcommittees and working groups to further a national address database
  - Status: The Steering Committee approved the establishment of the Address Data Theme on August 8<sup>th</sup>. DOT and DOC U.S. Census Bureau are the Co Leads of the newly created theme. DOT and Census will continue with pilot efforts. A Subcommittee is on its initial creation stage and it will serve as conduit for federal requirements

#### National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) Management Plan Activities

The NGDA Management Plan activities included:

- The NGDA Collaboration Community (NCC) has been established. Its available at <https://cms.geoplatform.gov/ncc/>
- The 2015 NGDA Lifecycle Maturity Assessment Report will soon be reviewed by the FGDC staff.
- The NGDA Management Plan evaluation project report is in progress.
- The Steering Committee approved the establishment of a new Address Theme.
- There are 13 Theme Strategic Plans completed, 2 of them are in progress, and 1 is pending.
- The Theme Implementation Plans Template (TIP) and content is in review process, they will be finalized in September. The Framework Themes TIPs will be ready by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Other themes will develop their implementation templates as part of the next NSDI Strategic Plan.
- Working with agencies to updated NGDA metadata guidelines.
- Executive Theme Champion Changes:
  - Tod Dabolt (DOI) named Executive Theme Champion and co-Executive Theme Champion for Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Cadaster, Geology, Imagery, Land Use-Land Cover, Utilities, and Water-Inland replacing Jerry Johnston.
  - Shep Smith, Rear Admiral, NOAA is co-Executive Theme Champion for Elevation replacing s ETC Rear Admiral Gerd Glang who retired.
  - The new Address Theme co-Executive Theme Champions are Tim Trainor, DOC, Census Bureau and Richard McKinney, DOT.
- Theme Lead Changes
  - John Cullen, USGS ([jcullen@usgs.gov](mailto:jcullen@usgs.gov)) is Acting co-Theme Lead for Imagery
  - Address Theme co-leads will be designated soon
  - Neil Dominy, USDA ([neil.dominy@ne.usda.gov](mailto:neil.dominy@ne.usda.gov)) is Soils Theme Lead starting Sept. 6
  - Raquel Hunt now Raquel Wright, continues as Transportation Theme Lead
  - BIA assigns Steven Mesa ([steven.mesa@bia.gov](mailto:steven.mesa@bia.gov)) as agency NGDA coordinator

#### FGDC Leaders Forum

FGDC hosted a National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Leaders Forum on July 26, 2016 in Washington DC. The FGDC Secretariat shared meeting notes with participants. The Secretariat will follow up with other groups through virtual focus groups and interviews.

#### FGDC Standards Update

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the CG approved the revised Standards Working Group (SWG) Charter. The SWG recommended the following standards for FGDC endorsement:

- INCITS/ISO 19115-1:2014[2014] Geographic information - Metadata - Part 1: Fundamentals
- INCITS/ISO 19157:2013[2014] Geographic information - Data quality

The CG ballots are due September 20, 2016.

The Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) announced publication of *OGC Catalogue Services (CAT) Standard version 3.0* and *CAT 3.0 HTTP Protocol Binding Standard*. This is the first time that OGC has released a standard with an implementation test and implementations (pycsw and Esri Geoportal Server).

The OGC ballot to update *OGC Abstract Specification Topic 11: Metadata* from ISO 19115:2003, Geographic information – Metadata to ISO 19115-1:2014, Geographic information – Metadata – Part 1: Fundamentals closed September 3.

Glenn Guempel of USGS is the new INCITS Technical Committee L1 chair. Sweden now serves as ISO Technical Committee 211 Secretariat. Norway relinquished the ISO TC 211 Secretariat

FGDC OS seeks input from the CG and any of their agency staff working with standards. Please provide responses to Julie Binder Maitra, [jmaitra@usgs.gov](mailto:jmaitra@usgs.gov)

Questions:

- Is your agency aware of the standards update resource?
- Has your agency downloaded it?
- How have you used it?
- Do you have suggestions for improving its use/effectiveness?

#### **Update on Address Theme, Lynda Liptrap, U.S. Census Bureau**

Lynda Liptrap reported on current activities in relation to the newly created NGDA Address Theme:

- Working on filling the theme lead role and subcommittee chair role. Steve Lewis of DOT, will act as the Co-Lead for DOT and will serve as the subcommittee chair. The U.S. Census Bureau is waiting leadership approval on subcommittee chair.
- Working on compiling a list of potential subcommittee's members.
- Drafted theme definitions, and subcommittee charter.

Ms. Lucy Vogel (HHS) asked if FGDC had information on an upcoming parcel data requirement workshop. Gita Urban-Mathieux (USGS) will share the information about this meeting with the FGDC for further distribution to the CG.

**ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat will share the information on the National Parcel Data Requirement Workshop with the Coordination Group.**

#### **Wetlands Subcommittee Report, Megan Lang, FWS**

Megan Lang, Wetlands Subcommittee Chair reported on the activities of the subcommittee. Ms. Lang provided background, purpose, and membership information of the Wetlands subcommittee.

Ms. Lang noted recent projects and discussed the following:

- Development of NWI Version 2 Dataset
- Launch of the NWI Version 2 Mapper with mobile capabilities
- Formation of Federal Interagency Wetland Mapping Working Group

Ms. Lang reported that a Federal Interagency Wetland Mapping Working Group has been established this year. The goal of this working group is to leverage the spatial detail and accuracy of NWI geospatial data with the enhanced temporal resolution of satellite-based products.

Other development projects included:

- 2nd Edition of Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States – August 2013
- Data Collection Requirements and Procedures for Mapping Wetland, Deepwater and Related Habitats of the United States (version 2) - August 2015
- NWI Map Code Diagram and NWI Water Regime Restriction Table
- New Wetlands Data Verification Toolset – Arc 10.3.1
- Improved Wetland Code Interpreter
- FWS Wetlands Reports geospatially linked
  - Wetland Reports have geographical footprint and are discoverable via the Wetlands Mapper

Next steps:

- Continue to develop updated NWI V2 data, and disseminate data via the NWI V2 Mapper
- Identify initial collaborations supported by the Federal Interagency Wetland Mapping Working Group

The complete subcommittee report can be found at <https://www.fgdc.gov/organization/coordination-group/meeting-minutes/2016/september/fgdc-wetlands-sc-update-cg-20160913.pdf>

#### **USDA Data Management Policy Approach, Ted Payne, USDA**

Ted Payne reported on the Department of Agriculture (USDA) geospatial initiatives and discussed the new departmental regulation on geospatial management that establishes data management, investment reporting, and a services approach as a foundational way of conducting business. USDA encourages other agencies to use a similar approach. The new regulation and additional information can be found at this link

<https://www.fgdc.gov/organization/coordination-group/meeting-minutes/2016/september/usda-vision-strategy-geospatial-management-cg.pdf>

Mr. Payne noted that the geospatial community should focus on being geospatial content distributor. The goal should be to mature content management and distribution.

Members expressed positive feedback on this presentation and remarked that this initiative is a great example of policy implementation.

#### **USGS Topo TNM Style Template, Kristin Fishburn, USGS**

Kristin Fishburn discussed a new GIS topographic map style template provided by the USGS National Geospatial Technical Operations Center (NGTOC).

The Topo TNM Style template has been developed according to the 1:24,000-scale, 7.5-minute layout and cartographic design of published US Topo maps and is intended for use in any geographic location where data is available for download from TNM.

The Topo TNM Style Template can be readily used with the Topo Combined Vector Product (recently renamed "Topo Map Vector Data products") and other data available for download from The National Map (TNM). Ms. Fishburn provided a demonstration on how to use the template.

#### **Earth Observation Services, Maryanne Sellman, GSA**

Ms. Maryanne Sellman (GSA) spoke about the earth observation services government-wide Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA). Ms. Sellman noted that she is working with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) on their CIBORG Program - Commercial Initiative to Buy Operationally

Responsive GEOINT. Ms. Sellman introduced Ms. Anita Glegg (NGA) and Mr. Jeff Haak (NGA) who further discussed CIBORG.

The CIBORG program intends to allow end users with efficient and responsive access to emerging to emerging commercially-available supplies of imagery, data, analytical capabilities and services. NGA is working with GSA because of GSA's experience in contracting. NGA is trying to provide opportunities to constituents, and use the best data and sources that are available.

Ms. Sellman reported that NGA and GSA are working together to encourage companies to submit an offer under IT Schedule 70 Program. This program allows local and state government participation. Ms. Sellman provided an overview of IT Schedule 70 and discussed the FASTlane program. FASTlane reduces the time it takes to get specific new innovative IT suppliers on Schedule 70 as well as the time it takes for changes to be made to a current contract.

Ms. Sellman solicited volunteers to help with requirements development for a multi-agency blanket purchase agreement (BPA) for earth observation services. Volunteers from across government, including state governments, are encouraged to participate with GSA and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) leading the team.

Mr. John Mahoney noted that FGDC could help out by making the connection with state and local organizations that could benefit from this initiative.

Mr. Bert Granberg, NGAC member, expressed interest in learning more about this initiative. Ms. Sellman noted that she will contact Mr. Granberg.

**ACTION:** Coordination Group member agencies that would like to volunteer or further discuss requirements development for a multi-agency blanket purchase agreement (BPA) for earth observation services, should contact Maryanne Sellman at [maryanne.sellman@gsa.gov](mailto:maryanne.sellman@gsa.gov) or on 703-605-5567.

**ACTION:** The FGDC secretariat will share GSA and NGA's initiative with state and locals organizations.

### **Geospatial Platform PMO Activities Update, Jim Irvine, ArdentMC**

Jim Irvine reported on the Geospatial Platform PMO support activities.

- Shared Infrastructure and Services
  - Cloud Hosting Services: The Geospatial Platform and the FGDC are offering a managed hosting service for geospatial assets to FGDC member agencies.
- GeoPlatform.gov Release v5 (7/2016)
  - Map Manager tutorials
  - CMS-Lite design and prototype
  - NGDA Service Dashboard modeling, design, and prototype
  - Metadata modeling and design
- GeoPlatform.gov Release 6 (10/2016)
  - CMS Core Bundle for new communities
  - Enhanced Geospatial Search Tool; a new reusable GeoPlatform service for searching Data.gov Catalog
  - Service Dashboard with enhanced service performance statistics
  - O&M System Dashboard for improved O&M
  - Metadata Editor design & model refinement
  - GeoCONOPS and NCC community enhancements

- New tutorials to create a map gallery, embedding a map gallery in CMS. Its available from FGDC YouTube Channel
- Various minor fixes and enhancements
- GeoPlatform.gov developments in Communities
  - DHS GeoCONOPs Community (v2): updated content, branding and redeployed as subsite in production
  - NCC (NGDA Collaboration Community): updated with shared document folder (new requirement) and deployed into production
  - DHS GIRA Community: MIT Lincoln Labs has delivered content to DHS; TechTeam packaging into CMS Lite container for deploy in Release 6.
  - US Fisheries Program: collaborating on a hybrid combination of AGOL and GeoPlatform services
  - NDOP Private Community Support: posting very large files
  - 3DEP Working Group Community Updates in A-16 Elevation Theme
  - National Address Standards Wiki integration in A-16 Governmental Units and Administrative Boundaries Theme
- GeoPlatform.gov: NGDA Web Services
  - Metadata guideline posted at [https://cms.geoplatform.gov/sites/default/files/document\\_library/NGDA\\_Metadata\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://cms.geoplatform.gov/sites/default/files/document_library/NGDA_Metadata_Guidelines.pdf)
- Architecture & Technology Working Group
  - Draft Charter submitted for approval
  - New Business: GeoPlatform Feedback Mechanism to investigate need/approach for capturing unsolicited layer feedback/VGI and transmitting information to authoritative data sources
- A GeoPlatform Workshop will be held on Dec 7 & 8 at the South Interior Building (SIB) Auditorium.
- Capital Planning and Investment
  - Preparing documents for Exhibit 300 submission
  - Preparing the BY18 Budget Submission documents

**FGDC Automated Business Process Tools – Demo, Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS; Image Matters**

Ken Shaffer reported on the development status of the FGDC Automated Business Process Tools. Mr. Shaffer discussed the FGDC Automated Process Portal (APP) and provided a demonstration of its functionality. These tools will improve support to FGDC committees, subcommittees and working groups, and member management.

**Status of the NSDI Strategic Plan, and the NGDA Management Plan Evaluation, Coordination Group Focus Session (Member Discussion), John Mahoney, FGDC OS; Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS**

John Mahoney reported that FGDC gathered feedback on the current NSDI strategic plan to try to get input on scope, roles, and responsibilities for the next version of the plan. Mr. Mahoney noted that FGDC wants to share with the CG what has been heard, and get CG's input on priorities and opportunities.

Mr. Mahoney provided a summary of the feedback received on the NSDI Strategic Plan Framework. CG members were provided 3 topics for discussion based on the information that has been collected.

Topic 1 – Reaction to the Feedback: What is your reaction to the feedback so far? Does it resonate with you? What’s missing?

Comments:

- It’s important to keep in mind that we are looking at what worked in the past, and what is not there. What is missing?
- Look at this from a FGDC community perspective rather than secretariat effort. Implement basic capabilities to develop communication network, identify a mechanism to push this communication.
- Feedback is useful. Caution: before to expand this, talk to people who has geo focus. We need to really get feedback from people doing the work, like NSGIC. Tier approach to data organization should be considered. Are the framework themes still correct?
- Tier approach is good, but we want to be careful about it appearing as a ranking of value.
- Include support for technology infrastructure.
- Partially people reacted to the idea of that a lot of what we do is included on A-16, but will have stronger authority if mandated by law.
- Still need a common agreement on who the audience is for the communications.
- NGAC discussed the communications audience. Their point is to educate people on geospatial technology and less on the concept of geo itself. Communication needs are dynamic and have changed like everything else.
- Agreed it’s important to emphasize platform and cloud hosting. We need to be careful not to lose focus on data content. Think about the missions we are serving.
- GAO could be an audience. It could be an educational opportunity for GAO.
- Portfolio management is a proxy to address GAO claims.
- Agencies are buying parcel products. The government should try to negotiate a price for parcel data for example, or work on a government wide license agreement.

Topic 2 – Policy Framework: In regards to the NSDI Policy Framework (OMB Circular A-16), how might it be updated to reflect changes in technology, organizational capabilities, and the evolution of the geospatial community? What needs to change?

Comments:

- The Circular A-16 and its *Supplemental Guidance* should be integrated.
- Consider information applicable for appendices of the policy as they can be update more frequently.
- The Circular is geared towards federal agencies and along can’t dictate participation by non-federal entities. Other approaches will also need to be considered.
- We could strengthen the Circular’s language on partnerships and licensing, and include language focusing on a national solution.

Topic 3 – Opportunities and Priorities: From your perspective, what are the key opportunities or priority areas to accelerate the development of the NSDI? What should the community focus on?

Comments:

- Think about where the actions like COGO report card tie with metrics, datasets, etc. Working with COGO and leveraging the NGDA maturity assessment data can help create common NSDI framework goals between COGO and the federal agencies, and let additional validity to the report card process.
- The NGAC group who evaluated the NSDI and NGDA maturity ratings process were really impressed with the quality of assessment data. The hope is that the next COGO report card is informed by these assessment criteria.
- There is some value in having COGO remain a third party reviewer and not part of the internal assessment process.
- We need to reach out to federal consumers to find out if the data meets their needs for imagery, addresses and other data.
- From a theme lead perspective all the activities on the strategic plan resonated well.
- The strategic plan needs to ensure actions for accountability of agency responsibilities.

**Other Agency Announcement, and Action Item Review, Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS; Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS**

There were no announcements this month.

**Adjourn**