



# A-16 Implementation Plan

FGDC Steering Committee Meeting  
March 19, 2013

# GAO Recommendation 1

**Recommendation 1:** *The Secretary of the Interior, as the FGDC Chair, direct the FGDC Steering Committee to establish a time frame for completing a plan to facilitate the implementation of OMB's portfolio management guidance, and develop and implement the plan within the established time frame. The plan, at a minimum, should include goals and performance measures, and the FGDC should report annually to OMB on the progress made on efforts to improve coordination and reduce duplication among themes.*



# GAO Recommendation 1 - Summary

## FGDC Chair directs the FGDC Steering Committee to:

- ◆ Establish a time frame for completing the plan to facilitate the implementation of OMB's portfolio management guidance
- ◆ Develop and implement the plan within the established time frame
- ◆ Develop implementation goals and performance measures
- ◆ Report annually to OMB on progress



# Response to GAO Recommendation 1

## FGDC Steering Committee will:

- ◆ Establish a plan with a phased approach that outlines the steps and associated timeframe for implementing the requirements of OMB Circular A-16 and its Supplemental Guidance, "Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities."
- ◆ Include implementation goals and performance measures in the plan and report on progress that will be forwarded to OMB
- ◆ Develop an approach for tracking the value of geospatial assets for a wide range of consumers



# GAO Recommendation 1 - Drivers

- ◆ OMB Circular A-16 (August 2002)/A-16 Supplemental Guidance (November 2010)
- ◆ GAO Report (GAO-13-94): *Geospatial Information – OMB and Agencies Need to Make Coordination a Priority to Reduce Duplication* (November 2012)
- ◆ NGAC Paper: *Toward A National Geospatial Strategy* (December 2012)
- ◆ Digital Government Strategy (May 2012)
- ◆ Open Government Directive (December 2009)
- ◆ Open Data Policy (November 2013)



# GAO Recommendation 1 - Team Approach

- ◆ Formally announce the beginning of OMB Circular A-16 Portfolio Management using memorandums or directives
- ◆ Follow a phased approach:
  - Phase I – Pre-select: focus on a few themes – e.g. Elevation Theme (USGS) is first
  - Phase II – Select: disseminate guidance and lessons learned from pilot and focus on other themes
  - Phase III – Evaluate: review progress
  - Phase IV – Control: modify approach based on evaluation



# GAO Recommendation 1 - Action Plan

- ◆ Develop memorandum from FGDC Chair to federal agencies (Dep. Sec. level):
  1. Communicate roles and responsibilities and identify leads to SAOGIs
  2. Require Theme Lead agencies to present Theme status and activities at FGDC Steering Committee meetings
  3. At a minimum presentations should address:
    - ◆ Theme coverage of datasets, timeliness and quality
    - ◆ A mechanism for coordinating across agencies
    - ◆ An acquisition/budget plan
    - ◆ Theme data accessible via the Federal Geospatial Platform
- ◆ Validate Proposed National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) portfolio approach
  1. Identify and select early adopters of portfolio management activities
  2. Theme COIs validate dataset inventory for inclusion in NGDA portfolio
  3. Describe the portfolio management of the chosen NGDA themes and datasets, identify pros and cons of the approach & develop lessons learned
- ◆ Disseminate information and coordinate efforts
  1. Distribute lessons learned and checklists for Theme Leads on datasets
  2. Project team answers questions of Theme Leads
  3. Establish theme communities on the Platform
  4. Develop a dashboard on the Federal Geospatial Platform to track implementation status



# Proposed Timeline

Timeframe	Activity
Mar – Apr 8	<b>Develop Theme Lead Community:</b> convene community of interests (COIs), meet with Executive Champions, register NGDAs, and develop memorandums from FGDC Chairs to agencies
March 19	<b>FGDC Steering Committee</b>
April 3	<b>NGAC Webinar Meeting</b>
April 15	<b>FGDC Chair and Vice-chair send memos to agencies</b>
Apr 15 – May 15	<b>Identify early adopters of A-16 portfolio management and choose one or two themes to validate approach</b>
May 15	<b>USGS Elevation Theme Lead Reports on Status</b>
May – Jun 13	<b>Develop high level guidance and lessons learned for Theme Leads</b>
Jun 11-12	<b>NGAC Meeting (planned)</b>
Jun 13	<b>FGDC Steering Committee Meeting – High Level Guidance to Theme Leads Due</b>



# GAO Recommendation 1 - Team

## Roles and Responsibilities

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# QUESTIONS ??????

