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Steering Committee Meeting

FGDC Current Activities

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- **2016 President's Budget**

- **2014 GAO Engagement**

- **Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO) Report Card**

- **Outreach and Communications Strategy**

President's 2016 Budget

◈ **Community Resiliency Toolkit**

+$11,000,000 ($11 million) USGS/FGDC Secretariat

◈ The Community Resilience Toolkit (Toolkit) will improve community resilience by providing tools that help Federal, State, local and tribal governments understand, respond to, and adapt their planning to maximize economic sustainability to natural hazards and other events.

◈ Will enhance the Geospatial Platform with the addition of new data, tools, and services; supporting an increased user-base; funding cooperative agreements with State, local, and Tribal governments to integrate their data and services into the Geospatial Platform.

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2014 GAO Engagement

- GAO Report released on March 16, 2015
  - Nine recommendations, four to FGDC
- Congressional hearings may follow the release of the report
- Senate Bill introduced, "Geospatial Data Act of 2015"
  - Sponsored by Senators Hatch and Warner

GAO Recommendation - #6

◆ To better facilitate the coordination of--and accountability for--the estimated billions of dollars in federal geospatial investments, and to reduce duplication the Secretary of the Interior, as the **FGDC Chair, should direct the FGDC Steering Committee to correct the search function of the Geospatial Platform** so that it effectively identifies applicable datasets, and oversee the effectiveness of the search function on a regular and ongoing basis.

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GAO Recommendation - #7

◈ To better facilitate the coordination of--and accountability for--the estimated billions of dollars in federal geospatial investments, and to reduce duplication the Secretary of the Interior, as the **FGDC Chair, should direct the FGDC Steering Committee to establish a schedule for collecting performance measures for the Geospatial Platform** and report on these measures during Steering Committee meetings.

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GAO Recommendation - #8

◆ To better facilitate the coordination of--and accountability for--the estimated billions of dollars in federal geospatial investments, and to reduce duplication the Secretary of the Interior, as the **FGDC Chair, should direct the FGDC Steering Committee to create an address data theme** with associated subcommittees and working groups to assist in furthering a national address database.

GAO Recommendation - #9

◆ To better facilitate the coordination of--and accountability for--the estimated billions of dollars in federal geospatial investments, and to reduce duplication the Secretary of the Interior, as the **FGDC Chair, should direct the FGDC Steering Committee to direct the National Digital Orthoimagery Program to reassess the feasibility of the "Imagery for the Nation" initiative**, with the goal of identifying discrete steps that could be taken to further a national imagery program benefitting governments at all levels.

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COGO Report Card

- COGO released their "Report Card on the U.S. National Spatial Data Infrastructure" – 2/6/15
- Qualitative assessment on the NSDI framework layers and their fitness for use now and in the future
- Calls attention to begin discussions on how to improve the NSDI to ensure it meets **national** data needs now and in the future
- Jennifer Gimbel, Chair, sent a letter of acknowledgement to COGO on the COGO report card.
- Former Gov Geringer and John Moeller presented and had discussions with the NGAC yesterday

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Outreach and Communication Strategy

- Development of NSDI & GeoPlatform outreach and communication plan – 2015 activity

- GeoPlatform Support Contract – issued task order for support in developing the plan

- Development of communication plan to be coordinated with FGDC community and other partners.

- Continuing outreach/coordination with partners, stakeholders

- Established an NGAC Outreach and Communications Subcommittee

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Questions?