FGDC
Geospatial Data Act 2018 – Initial Discussion

Steering Committee
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Geospatial Data Act of 2018

- Attached to the FAA reauthorization Bill, HR 302
- House approved; Senate Approved; President signed 10/5/18
- Impact: FGDC OS operations and planning focus will shift to the Bill’s implementation and impacts on FGDC activities

Background

- Senate "Geospatial Data Act“, 11/15/17 (S. 2128) introduced by Senators Hatch and Warner, Heller, Wyden, Boozman, Klobuchar.
- House "Geospatial Data Act“, 11/15/17 (H.R. 4395) introduced by Reps Westerman and Moulton.
- Codifies much of the current policy outlined in OMB Circular A-16 and A-16 Supplemental Guidance.
GDA Section Summary

Puts into law:
• FGDC with DOI chair and OMB vice chair
• National Geospatial Advisory Committee
• NSDI and NSDI Strategic Plan
• NGDA Data Themes, management and reporting
• Geospatial Data Standards
• GeoPlatform
• Covered Agency Responsibilities
• Congressional reporting and IG review processes
• Limitation on Use of Federal Funds
  • If data or metadata standards responsibilities not met
Initial Approach – For SC Discussion

Perform a complete analysis of the law

❖ Develop a TIGER Team to evaluate the impacts and requirements

❖ Engage expertise – OMB, DOI, Legislative Affairs (others?) on impacts and required implementation processes

❖ Assess impacts and changes to existing structure, resource requirements, membership, initiatives, reporting, policy, etc.

❖ Hold a 2-day workshop session with TIGER Team on approach, requirements, and implementation

❖ Develop an implementation plan and timeline integrated with the NSDI Strategic Plan

❖ Establish a communications roll-out plan. Engage with NGAC and partners on implementation strategy considerations
Questions?