

FGDC Geospatial Data Act 2018 – Initial Discussion

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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?

