

# Address Subcommittee



**April 13, 2017**

**1:00– 2:30 PM Eastern**

***Census Bureau***

***Suitland, MD***

# Meeting Agenda

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## **1:00 Welcome and Meeting Goals**

- Review of March Meeting
- NAD Activities with NGAC and FGDC Steering Committee
- Update on Theme Definition

## **1:10 Address Theme Subcommittee Charter**

- Review and Revise

## **2:15 Next Steps**

- Business Process Subgroup
- Agenda Item Suggestions

## **2:30 Adjourn**

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## March Subcommittee Meeting

The NAD is not a thing  
The NAD is a process

### Business Process Subgroup

- Joe Sewash (NC and NSGIC)
- Avi Bender (NTIS)
- Ted Okada (FEMA)
- Martha Wells (URISA)
- Dan Ross (MN and NSGIC)
- Jason Warzinik (Boone County, MO)

# Welcome and Meeting Goals

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## Theme Definition

**APPROVED**

FGDC Coordination Group

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FGDC Steering Committee

## Address Theme Presentations

NGAC - March 22nd

Theme SAOGI's Steve Lewis and Tim Trainor

FGDC Steering Committee - March 23rd

Theme Co-leads Lynda Liptrap and Steve Lewis

Both presentations are on FGDC web site

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Over the decades tribal, federal, state, county, local, non-profit, and private organizations have collected and maintained separate address databases with variable levels of completeness and accuracy. This led to the recognition of the need for a consolidated public database that provides the geospatial location of every address in the United States.

With input from the Census Bureau and the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) released the influential report *The Need for a National Address Database* (2012) that publicized this widespread challenge:

*“Numerous stakeholders have identified a critical need for a National Address Database. A complete, current, and accurate address list, along with the associated geocodes and x, y coordinates and associated metadata are essential for a variety of government and non-government functions, including emergency response, conducting the Census, income tax collection, delivering the mail, planning, routing, and many others. Currently, many agencies and organizations either collect, purchase, or lease address information in a non-coordinated fashion.”*

This challenge prompted increasing calls for a National Address Database (NAD) from concerned organizations such as NSGIC and the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and the General Accountability Office (GAO) who released a 2015 GAO recommendation, “to create an address data theme with associated subcommittees and working groups to assist in furthering a national address database” (report GAO-15-193). In addition, the third U.S. Open Government National Action Plan (2015) documented specific commitments including a one to launch a process to create a consolidated public listing of every address in the United States.

Followed by a National Address Database Summit and resulting pilot project sponsored by the Department of Transportation (DOT), the case for a NAD was further strengthened. Due to these efforts, the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Steering Committee, in concurrence with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), approved the creation of a National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) Address Theme on August 8, 2016.

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This Charter establishes the FGDC Address Subcommittee with the purpose of assisting the Address Theme managing agencies in **developing and promoting a national strategy to identify, prioritize, implement, coordinate, manage, and provide oversight of geospatial address data related activities**. This includes activities related to supporting freely available accurate spatially referenced national address data available in **partnership** with tribal, federal, state, county, local, non-profit, and private organizations. The Address Subcommittee is accountable to the FGDC Coordination Group regarding issues that pertain to the completion and **lifecycle management** of data sets within the Address Theme. The Theme Co-leads, in turn, provide recommendations to the FGDC Steering Committee.

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The Address Subcommittee scope of responsibilities includes the following:

- Advise the Address Theme leads on the **creation, management, and maintenance of the Address Theme** and associated National Geospatial Data Assets (NGDAs).
- Establish a **governance process** for the Address Theme.
- Create **partnerships** with tribal, federal, state, county, and local government addressing authorities as well as private and non-profit organizations to promote the creation and consolidation of freely available, accurate, and spatially referenced national address data.
- Facilitate the **availability** of, and unrestricted **access** to, national address data and associated metadata.
- Support coordination and development of **standards** established by federal, national, and international standards organizations such as the FGDC, the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NDSI), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).

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The primary objective of the Address Subcommittee is to support the Address Theme through coordination among tribal, federal, state, county, and local programs and interested non-profit and commercial vendors to make spatially referenced national address data freely available.

Other objectives include:

- Collect **user requirements** for the NAD and other Address Theme datasets.
- Investigate the accessibility, accuracy, integration, and application of data collection from **emerging technologies**.
- Be aware of tribal, federal, state, county, and local requirements for data processing and distribution capabilities to assure and facilitate data use when needed.

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# Next Steps



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- ❖ Finalize Subcommittee Charter
- ❖ Report of workshop findings and recommendations
- ❖ Agenda item suggestions?

# Thank You

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00-2:30 pm Eastern**  
**DOT (Navy Yard), Washington, DC**



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