

Meeting Notes
FGDC Address Subcommittee
September 19, 2018
US Census Bureau, Suitland, MD

In-person and On-line Attendance (15 Total):

Florinda Balfour, Department of Veterans Affairs
Dierdre Bevington-Attardi, Census Bureau
Dave Cackowski, Census Bureau
Mike Dunlevy, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
Christian Jacqz, State of Massachusetts
Lynda Liptrap, Census Bureau
Patrick McDonald, State of New Jersey
Anne Nussear, General Services Administration
Ted Payne, Housing and Urban Development
Alice Pennaz, OSTP/USGS
Dan Ross, State of Minnesota
Diane Snediker, Census Bureau
Ed Wells, WMATA/URISA
Matt White, State of New Hampshire
Matt Zimolzak, Census Bureau

Meeting Summary

NAD Updates: Lynda Liptrap

- NAD has been publicly available since March and can be accessed on the DOT website, the FGDC Address Theme Community Page, and the GeoPlatform.
- File format is ESRI file geodatabase. Future releases will also include export from Postgres.
- New release soon after new developer is on board.
- There have been over 100 downloads per month since May.
- Texas is ready to submit data – their 9 million records will increase the NAD by 20%. This will likely be split into 3 submissions.
- We are discussing the possibility of accepting county and local submissions, similar to the Census Geographic Support System (GSS) Partnership Program. There are lots county and local files that can be added and we may have all the available statewide datasets.

The Opportunity Project (TOP) Local Address Data Project: Lynda Liptrap

- TOP is a process for engaging government, communities, and the technology industry to create digital tools that leverage federal data to help solve national problems. This is a

Department of Commerce initiative being run by Census. This round, the Geo-Cohort features geography related projects.

- Census Geography Division's project in this round of TOP is Local Address Data Collection – to develop resources that help tribal, state, and local governments create, maintain, and share open address point data.
- User Advocates are Puerto Rico, The Choctaw Nation, City of New Orleans, and Michigan.
- Tech company participants are TomTom, Initiative for Civic Address Systems Assessment (iCASA), and Spatial Networks.
- Mike Dunleavy – what will come out of this project in 6 to 9 months? Lynda – project is fast moving. The goal is tools that will help standardize and collect address data. A new role of product advisor has been introduced in this cohort. The idea is for product advisors to help tech teams develop tools that would be sustainable. Our hope is that tools that are developed will help fill in gaps in the NAD.
- Christian Jacqz – Massachusetts is engaged with Spatial Networks and their tool Fulcrum on a subscription model.
- Ted Payne – We need to look at how geocoded addresses are used in Puerto Rico, and recognize cultural differences when talking about sustainability, and not just the software.
- Ed Wells – With respect to Puerto Rico, has HUD looked at the FGDC Address Standard? There are examples of Puerto Rico addresses. Ted – yes we are hoping to transfer that knowledge into having better geocodes.
- Lynda – TOP hosted an event in Puerto Rico focused on local address data collection. We will be talking more about this with respect to the NAD and Census is working with OSTP to have an invitation only workshop in October focused on Puerto Rico addressing and what federal agencies experience and challenges have been.

Address Theme Strategic Plan Update: Lynda Liptrap

- We are in a holding pattern right now, waiting to see the NSDI Strategic Plan first.

GeoPlatform Pilot Update: Lynda Liptrap

- In June we discussed working with DOI to have the NAD as a pilot to demonstrate the value and use of the GeoPlatform. The original specifications have been re-evaluated and we are waiting for the new NAD contractor. We hope to have something to report in November.

Update from Workflow Subgroup: Matt Zimolzak

- We have delivered to the Address Content Subgroup:
 - Proposed workflow validation requirements: what is required vs. optimal content.
 - Unique Universal ID (UUID).

Update from Address Content Subgroup: Dave Cackowski

- We started reviewing workflow validations – Matt went over them at our last meeting and now we are reviewing. We will start reviewing the UUID recommendations as well.
- We are also reviewing the Zip Codes that USPS delivered and need to meet with Earl Johnson to discuss.

Action Item Review: Dave Cackowski

- Dave – Follow up with Earl Johnson on USPS Zip Codes.
- Dave, Lynda – Continue to report on The Opportunity Project to this group.
- Lynda – Prepare for Puerto Rico Address Meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018, 11am at Census Bureau.