

FGDC NEWS DIGEST – October 2016

Doug D. Nebert, NSDI Champion of the Year Awarded

The first Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year was awarded to Oak Ridge National Laboratory Distributed Active Archive Center (ORNL DAAC) MODIS Team at the FGDC Steering Committee Meeting on September 29, 2016. This award recognizes an individual or a team that has developed an outstanding, innovative, and operational tool, application, or service capability that furthers the vision of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). For more information about the award visit: <https://www.fgdc.gov/nebertaward>

FGDC Announces New Address Theme

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) announced the establishment of a new National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) Address Theme. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau have been identified as the lead agencies. The new address theme will be supported by a subcommittee and will support the ongoing work to develop a National Address Database. For more information:

<http://www.fgdc.gov/policyandplanning/a-16/index.html>

National Geospatial Advisory Council (NGAC) – September Public Meeting

The NGAC held its September advisory council meeting in the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV on September 27-28, 2016. Chair Julie Sweetkind-Singer conducted the meeting. Members had the opportunity to discuss Transition ideas with Camille Touton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science as well as small group discussions to identify key messages regarding the geospatial community. Members also had lively discussions around the NSDI and the OMB Circular A-16 and the policy framework. NGAC Vice Chair, Keith Masback, convened a panel of technology specialists to share their perspectives on new technologies and their impact on the geospatial industry and programs. NGAC Subcommittees had an opportunity to meet prior to sharing progress on their study topics. This year's subcommittees include: Emerging Technologies, Policy Framework, Standards, and Landsat Advisory Group.

Throughout the meeting, 12 members presented lightning talks, which included topics ranging from Data USA, GIS in Government, National Geospatial Preparedness Summit, GIS&T Advanced Placement Program, and a video on North Carolina/South Carolina Boundary Dispute (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTOzwl4HUQE>)

For a more detailed summary of the meeting, please visit the blog by NGAC Chair, Julie Sweetkind-Singer at <https://library.stanford.edu/blogs/stanford-libraries-blog/2016/10/national-geospatial-advisory-group-holds-fall-meeting>.

Presentations and meeting materials from the September meeting can be found at <https://www.fgdc.gov/ngac/meetings/september-2016/index.html>. Information about the NGAC can be found at <https://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>

Geospatial Platform Workshop to be held December 6 – 7, 2016

DOI in conjunction with FGDC and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) will host the Geospatial Platform Workshop in Reston, VA on December 6 – 7, 2016. The purpose of the workshop is to share enhancements and provide training on how to access, use, analyze, and share geospatial data through the platform. Register at <http://wwhgd.org>.