Working Group Report Summary

Out of 8 Working Group responses:
- Current Plan/Charter – 87% have a current plan or charter for collection.
- Metadata - Only the Biological Data Working Group had metadata discoverable through the FGDC Clearinghouse. (The other working groups focus on standards development, not data development).
- Data Sharing Policy - Only the Standards Working Group has a data sharing policy. (The other working groups believe data access information policies vary by program and agency).

Recommended for Discontinuation:
- Earth Cover Working Group

No Response From:
- Clearinghouse Working Group (the questions did not apply to the working group’s activities)
- Earth Cover Working Group
- Historical Data Working Group
- Metadata Ad Hoc Working Group (the questions did not apply to the working group’s activities)

Areas of Concern:
- There continues to be confusion regarding the role of Working Groups and Subcommittees and theme generation as defined in OMB Circular A-16.
- Need process for fast and broad consensus.
- Need continual resources for standards.
- Security concerns.

Lessons Learned:
- There is greater reliance on standards developed through voluntary consensus standard organizations.