Part B
LEAD AGENCY/BUREAU AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP
REPORT (Agencies with Lead Responsibilities Assigned under the new Circular A-16 in Appendix E - http://www.fgdc.gov/publications/a16final.html#appendixe)
(Please provide a separate report for each activity for which you have the lead)

1. Program/Activity Name: Bathymetric Elevation

NOTE: Under A-16 Elevation is split into Bathymetric and Topographic. USGS is the lead agency for the overall Elevation theme and for Topographic subcategory. USACE and NOAA are the leads for Bathymetric. It is unclear at this time how the bathymetric standard will be developed, whether it will be linked to an overall elevation standard or be completely separate. To date nothing no progress has been made on the standard.

2. What are the specific federal programs this data supports?

3. Uses of Data: How does your data benefit customers and support agency missions?

4. Charter/Plan: Do you have a current charter or plan for collection? If so - please describe (include how recently the charter/plan was implemented and whether it is in need of update).

5. Metadata Status: Is metadata discoverable and served through the NSDI Clearinghouse? What percentage of this theme’s data has metadata and is in a Clearinghouse node?

6. Standards: What is the status of this theme’s data, process, transfer, and classification standards?


8. Policy: Do you have a formal agency policy in place for full and open access or data sharing? Are you able to fulfill this policy and provide public access with your current agency financial resources as allocated or are you in pursuit of collaborative federal partnerships to support data access?

9. Are there areas or issues regarding lead responsibilities for spatial data themes that require attention, or lessons-learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.