

Arkansas State Land Information Board Resolution in Support of Imagery for the Nation

Whereas, aerial imagery, in the form of digital orthophotos, is a fundamental building block for public and private geographic information systems in Arkansas; and

Whereas, this aerial imagery has been developed by local, state, and federal government agencies in various pixel resolutions at widely irregular intervals, sometimes with costly duplication of efforts; and

Whereas, the Arkansas State Land Information Board (ASLIB) led cooperative statewide digital orthophotography programs in 2000, and 2006 known as the Arkansas Digital Ortho Program (ADOP); and

Whereas, the ADOP data is an essential component for County E-911 offices in the development and maintenance of road centerline data in the counties for emergency services; and

Whereas, the ADOP data is necessary for the County Assessor Mapping Program in the County Assessor Offices for the development and maintenance of digital cadastral data in the counties for the fair and equitable administration of property assessments; and

Whereas, a number of cities and counties within Arkansas determined one meter resolution is not adequate or out of date and are pursuing development and maintenance of higher resolution digital orthoimagery to serve their needs, and

Whereas, the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) passed an “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative that requests federal leadership and financial support for aerial imagery to be acquired and refreshed on a three-year cycle that will benefit Arkansas; and

Whereas, the ASLIB vision for a robust ADOP in Arkansas is completely aligned to the objectives in the “Aerial Imagery for the Nation” initiative; and

Whereas, the ASLIB established by Arkansas Code 15-201-501 thru 504, is responsible for developing a strategy for the creation of the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure; pursuing activities that result in coordinated, cost-effective programs for spatial data development and distribution; and encouraging and coordinating collaborative spatial project efforts and rewarding participants of collaborative efforts that result in economies of scale or demonstrable cost savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ARKANSAS STATE LAND INFORMATION BOARD endorses the “Imagery for the Nation” initiative advanced by the National States Geographic Information Council. Further, it is resolved that the Arkansas State Land Information Board will actively promote this initiative to statewide stakeholders, state and local government leadership, and the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

Adopted Date: November 1, 2006
Phyllis Poche, Chair

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