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Mr. Anthony Spicci, President  
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Mr. Spicci:

We are pleased to inform you that the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC) has approved an endorsement for the National States Geographic Information Council's (NSGIC) initiative titled Imagery for the Nation. The council recognizes that this initiative establishes an imagery program that will not only benefit the state of Arizona, but the entire nation.

Imagery for the Nation will provide the following benefits:

- 1) Local, state, regional, tribal, and federal partners will be able to exercise "buy-up" options for enhancements that are required by their organizations;
- 2) The imagery acquired through this program will remain in the public domain and archived to secure its availability for posterity;
- 3) Aerial and satellite imagery, in the form of digital orthoimagery, is the foundation for most public and private Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and is an essential commodity that is being developed by hundreds of different entities across the nation leading to higher costs, varying quality, duplication of effort and a patchwork of products; and
- 4) Large area contracting methods will keep the cost to the taxpayer as low as possible and improve the availability of standardized, high-quality products.

The Council's endorsement reads as follows:

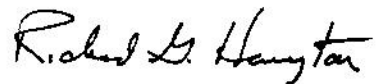
The Arizona Geographic Information Council is aware of NSGIC's Imagery for the Nation initiative. It offers to supply orthophotography systematically, something much needed by state and local government in Arizona. The council endorses this proposal in concept and looks forward to working with NSGIC and federal agencies in its implementation.

AGIC believes the program is an excellent starting point for a sustainable imagery program, and would ultimately like to see the entire state of Arizona included in the one foot acquisition cycle.

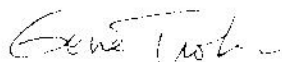
Imagery is a key component of most local, state and federal geospatial activities in Arizona and builds a foundation for these partners to provide better service for our citizens.

AGIC and the State Cartographer's Office looks forward to working with NSGIC to make this initiative a reality.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Richard G. Harrington in black ink.

Richard Harrington, President  
AGIC Executive Management Board

Handwritten signature of Gene Trobia in black ink.

Gene Trobia, State Cartographer  
Arizona State Cartographer's Office