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*Building Illinois' Information Infrastructure*

One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702

Rod Blagojevich, Governor

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May 14, 2007  
Stuart Davis, President  
National States Geographic Information Council  
2105 Laurel Bush Road, Suite 200  
Bel Air, MD. 21015

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Illinois Geographic Information Council (ILGIC) would like to fully endorse the initiative entitled *Imagery for the Nation* (IFTN). Aerial and satellite imagery, as digital orthoimagery is critical for a majority of public, private and scientific geospatial programs. It is being developed and disseminated by literally hundreds of different organizations across the country resulting in high costs and duplication of effort.

The State of Illinois has been attempting, for many years, to institute a statewide imagery program, similar in design, and for all the same reasons as IFTN. Over 90% of Illinois' 102 counties have procured or licensed imagery on their own. Moreover, based on scores of best practice solutions and credible analysis and documentation, it is clear that IFTN would allow stakeholders to recognize a significant cost-savings if this Initiative were adopted.

Sincerely,

Sheryl G. Oliver