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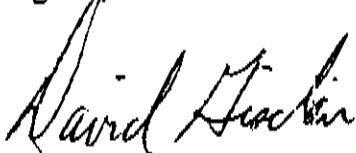
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Dear Mr. Smith,

The Louisiana GIS Council Data Committee has reviewed the response from NSGIC regarding our concerns for the Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) Proposal. Although we recognize that the IFTN proposal is still a work in progress we support the general concept of a nationwide imagery program. After careful consideration we would like to offer our support for the IFTN predicated on the following conditions. As mentioned in our previous letter of August 1, 2007, the most pressing issue for the State of Louisiana is that the imagery be collected with a digital sensor. We believe that at a minimum five (5) spectral bands should be collected in one flight thereby providing the choice of RGB, panchromatic, and CIR bands. A digital flight would eliminate the need for buy-up option for CIR or panchromatic. A digital flight greatly reduces the time between image capture and image distribution. Additionally, we would prefer more flexibility in determining ground sample distance (GSD) and spatial extent parameters in imagery collection.

We are glad to offer our conditional support to the IFTN proposal.

Regards,



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