



**A commitment to excellence in the development and coordination of geographic information technologies**

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Stuart R. Davis, President  
National States Geographic Information Council  
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Dear President Davis:

The Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC) is pleased to endorse the **Imagery for the Nation** initiative developed by the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC).

Numerous federal, state, county and municipal agencies plus private enterprises and academic institutions within Maryland have come to rely on ortho-corrected imagery as a fundamental building block of their geographic information systems. Orthophotos are used in development and maintenance of road centerline data, incident support within E-911 call centers and emergency management agencies, land use/cover analyses in support of watershed restoration efforts as well as development and maintenance of cadastral data. Orthophotography has come into everyday use by many entities in efforts to save time, money and lives.

MSGIC is in the process of completing a statewide imagery project that is similar in design and specifications to Imagery for the Nation. This project will allow partners to recognize a significant cost-savings. During approval of the statewide program, Maryland executives expressed interest in a regional, multi-state partnership during the next acquisition cycle, which will be best-accomplished through Imagery for the Nation.

MSGIC fully supports these efforts and looks forward to seeing them come to fruition.

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Jeff Edgin  
Chair, MSGIC

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