



September 19, 2007

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

Mr. Davis:

The Board of Directors of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information has voted to fully support the Imagery for the Nation program as presented by the National States' Geographic Information Council. The Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) is the State of Vermont's legislatively designated geospatial coordinating organization.

Vermont was a national leader in adopting a statewide orthophoto acquisition program. The state has been acquiring high resolution orthophoto imagery across the state since 1974. As a result our state and local governments are well aware of the value of quality imagery. The availability of regularly updated, high quality, statewide imagery has saved money and man hours in innumerable state and private projects. The availability of statewide imagery has also enabled Vermont to collect much of its geospatial data based upon a single imagery source. The resulting data is then better integrated and more uniform in resolution, thereby reducing the need for redundant data collection activities.

The VCGI Board of Directors believes the advantages and savings we see in Vermont from having a well run, comprehensive imagery program could be seen across the country if the federal government were to adopt the Imagery for the Nation program as the primary imagery acquisition program for the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David F. Brotzman", is written over a light blue circular watermark that contains a map of Vermont.

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