

URISA Endorsement of the Imagery for the Nation Proposal

Whereas, the Imagery for the Nation proposal would develop a sustainable and flexible digital imagery program that meets the needs of local, state, regional, tribal and federal agencies, and

Whereas, the National Digital Orthophoto Program Committee (NDOP), the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), and the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) have been working together on this proposal to create a new nationwide aerial imagery program that will collect and disseminate standardized multi-resolution products on “set” schedules, and

Whereas, local, state, regional, tribal, and federal partners will be able to exercise “buy-up” options for enhancements that are required by their organizations, and

Whereas, the imagery acquired through this program will remain in the public domain and archived to secure its availability for posterity, and

Whereas, 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

Whereas, large area contracting methods will keep the cost to the taxpayer as low as possible and improve the availability of standardized, high-quality products, and

Whereas, the URISA Board and membership believes this proposal will greatly benefit the Association’s members;

Now therefore, the Board, on behalf of the membership of URISA, endorses the Imagery for the Nation proposal and strongly encourages NDOP, the FGDC, and the United States Congress to implement this program in an appropriate manner and with all due diligence and speed.

In witness thereof, the undersigned do set their hand,

Cindy Domenico, President
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Date