

Date	Major Milestones
	<b>This list does not include many activities such as presentations and meetings that don't result in milestones.</b>
September 2004	Concept proposed by Ted Koch (WI) at NSGIC Annual Conference
September 2004	Committee established by NSGIC to develop the proposal
September 2005	Proposal unveiled at the NSGIC Annual Conference and membership adopts Resolution of Support at annual business meeting.
October 2005	Proposal presented to the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). FGDC endorses the proposal, and asks the NDOP Steering Committee to form a task force to review the proposal and develop a business plan and budget strategy.
October 2005	Proposal presented to the NDOP Committee in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
November 2005	The NDOP Steering Committee began a series of meetings to review the NSGIC proposal.
January 2006	A modified proposal that included the needs of Federal agencies was presented to the FGDC Coordination Work Group and the Steering Committee. This proposal included a revised and more detailed budget.
	NDOP reported back to the FGDC Steering Committee on January 30, 2006, that:
	The proposal had been adjusted to include all anticipated federal, state and local needs/interests.
	The budget for the program appeared to be well developed and inclusive of all required components.
	The NDOP business plan was begun but not completed.
	That no other stakeholder groups beside NSGIC and NACo were included in the process.
	That Executive Support was going to be required to identify suitable funding alternatives to implement the program and that a committee should be appointed and meet in time for the FFY '08 submission (March 2006).
January 2006	The FGDC Steering Committee established an Executive Committee (Commerce, DHS, Interior, Agriculture and OMB) to determine how IFTN can be funded in the 2008 budget.
March 2006	NSGIC holds its Capitol Hill event concurrent with its Mid-Year Meeting to gain support from other stakeholder groups. Congressional advocacy efforts are initiated.
April 2006	The Executive Committee meets one time and directs Federal agencies to put a line item in their budgets for IFTN. No funding solutions are offered, because IFTN will become part of the Geospatial Line of Business discussions that may offer another chance to have the proposal included in the 2008 budget. (It is soon dropped from consideration by the GLoB Committee)
April 2006	NSGIC releases a web-based survey to collect public opinion and background information on the initiative and user profiles.
May 2006	Informative article and poster appear in ArcNews with a circulation of 597,000.
June 2006	IFTN Strategy developed by NSGIC to begin widespread advocacy efforts.
August 2006	NSGIC President circulates a notice to all NSGIC State Representatives asking them to begin a grass roots campaign within their states.
August 2006	A joint Federal/NSGIC working group is established to evaluate future Federal/state administrative issues related to the program.
August 2006	A return on Investment study is proposed for IFTN. It is likely that the USGS will fund this effort, and that it will be contracted through the USDA.

December 2006	Perot Systems, Inc. is contracted by the USDA to conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis on IFTN following Federal OMB and agency guidelines.
March 2007	NSGIC holds its Capitol Hill event concurrent with its Mid-Year Meeting to gain support from other stakeholder groups. An increasing number of member states participate in Hill visits.
April 2007	NSGIC drafts language to authorize and appropriate the 1-meter component of IFTN in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Over the following months, this language is provided to both the House and Senate Committees where it received serious evaluation. For a variety of reasons this effort failed in September 2007.
May 2007	The National Digital Orthophoto Program Committee (NDOP) meets and assigns responsibilities to its Acquisitions Management Subcommittee, Technical Specification Subcommittee, and Program Management Subcommittee for their action. Work plans are due by October 2008 with a level of detail on how IFTN will operate within a national context. These subcommittees will meet on their own schedules as required to meet this deadline.
May 2007	NSGIC conducts additional surveys to determine the acceptance of IFTN and how many government related imagery programs are operating in the nation.
July 2007	The final Cost Benefit Analysis is released.
October 2007	The National Digital Orthophoto Program Committee (NDOP) meets and unanimously votes to accept Alternative 4 from the Cost Benefit Analysis.
October 2007	The FGDC Steering Committee is briefed on the results of the Cost Benefit Analysis, asked to endorse the selection of Alternative 4, and requested to establish a new Executive Committee to review possible funding strategies for IFTN.
December 2007	NSGIC develops a new advocacy strategy to focus on funding the 1-meter program due to the existing state of the Federal budget. Its Corporate Leadership Council is briefed on this strategy and they concur.
January 2008	Leaders from NSGIC and the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS) meet to discuss mutual advocacy efforts. MAPPS raises five issues that must be addressed by NSGIC before they will support IFTN, that includes acceptance and support of Qualification Based Selection procurement procedures.
January 2008	The FGDC Steering Committee establishes the Executive Committee with membership from DHS, Commerce, Interior, Agriculture, Defense, EPA and NASA. The Interior Office of Policy Analysis begins developing briefing materials for the Executive Committee.
February 2008	NSGIC web page is updated to reflect the current state of the initiative.
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