

Spatially Speaking

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Geospatial Line of Business

MAY EVENTS

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| Coordination Group Meeting (Washington, DC) | 1st |
| 2007 Delaware GIS Conference (Dover, DE) | 1st — 2nd |
| US/Canada Geomatics/Geospatial Partnering Event (Toronto, ON Canada) | 7th |
| Geospatial Metadata Implementation Strategies Workshop (Calgary, Alberta) | 14th |
| Training—Intro to Framework Data (Calgary, Alberta) | 14th |
| 2007 NSDI CAP Grant Kickoff Meeting (Denver, CO) | 17th |
| URISA's GIS in Public Health Conference (New Orleans, LA) | 20th—23rd |

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<http://www.fgdc.gov/calendar>

The Geospatial LoB has set forth ambitious and transformational goals to better serve the Nation's interests. Building on the policy foundation of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16 ("Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities") and the President's Management Agenda, the Geospatial LoB is establishing a new and more citizen-centric collaborative model for geospatial-related activities and investments. This will create a framework for sustainable participation from non-Federal partners, and create a more coordinated and leveraged approach to producing, maintaining, and using geospatial data and services.

OMB and the Geospatial LoB are focused on business-driven, common solutions(s) aligned with the Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) and guided by the FEA Geospatial Profile and the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) in order to support operations across the Nation and beyond. The common solution consists of three solution tracks. Each solution track plays a critical role in supporting the vision, goals, and objectives of the Geospatial LoB.

Solution Tracks

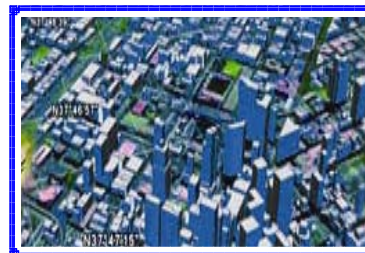
- Enhanced Governance
- Planning and Investment Strategy
- Optimize and Standardize Geospatial Data and Services

The first step for improving business processes require that we understand our business. There are a number of data calls underway which will assist in getting the understanding, supporting and developing the geospatial information business case, and setting the goals for the future for geospatial information. The inter-

agency task force members are working with the Senior Agency Official for Geospatial Information (SAOGI) for their organization in order to respond to the following data calls.

- Geospatial Agency Investment Reporting ~ a quantitative designed to assess agency investments in geospatial related activities and capabilities (*due April 27, 2007*)
- Geospatial Data and Services Priorities Survey ~ this qualitative survey is designed to understand better agency business activities and how agencies use select OMB Circular A-16 data to meet business/mission requirements as opposed to focusing on the "numbers." (*due May 15, 2007*)
- National Data Infrastructure Data Themes A-16 ~ agency performance reporting information with regard to national coverage coordination and stewardship of NSDI data themes as required by the revised OMB Circular A-16 (*due May 25, 2007*)

As the Geo LoB matures and business processes improve, geospatial information will be readily available and accessible to all.



Geospatial Information helps you know where your business is at!

Highlights

"Spatially Speaking" is designed to provide updates on the activities of the FGDC. Subcommittees, workgroups, and other FGDC participants are urged to submit updates to Roxanne Lamb, rhilamb@usgs.gov by the 20th of each month.

- **Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Small Grants** to be awarded for 2006 and 2007 received 85 responses to the call for proposals. The FGDC supports the GSDI in many areas, including contributing to the Small Grants program designed to encourage SDI development globally-- particularly in nations with developing economies and emerging SDIs. A formal announcement of the awards will occur in June 2007. *For more information contact Al Stevens (asteve1@usgs.gov).*
- **The Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc. (OGC) has issued a Call for Participation (CFP) in the "Architecture Implementation Pilot,"** which is a coordinated interoperability initiative of Group on Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), Federated Earth Observation Pilot (FedEO) and Tri-Lateral initiatives (US, Canada, and European SDIs). Responses are due by May 11, 2007. The Architecture Implementation Pilot CFP documents can be downloaded from: http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=20953. *For more information contact Doug Nebert (ddnebert@usgs.gov).*
- **Metadata trainers conducted two workshops** and a Train-the-Trainer workshop in Texas. The workshops were held based on request from Texas A & M's Coastal Studies Department, NOAA Coastal Data Development Center, and Texas Department of Information Resources. *For more information contact Sharon Shin (Sharon_shin@usgs.gov).*
- **The Library of Congress (LOC) and the FGDC met to discuss the FGDC and the Loch's National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIP).** Geospatial is one of the significant digital content types that LOC has interest in preserving. They currently have two geospatial cooperative partnerships and are looking to develop additional state based programs for geospatial digital data preservation. *For more information contact Milo Robinson (mrobinson@usgs.gov).*
- **The draft Wetlands Mapping Standard** has been released for a 30-day review by the FGDC Standards Working Group. *For more information contact Julie Maitra (jmaitra@usgs.gov).*
- **Springer Science + Business Media has accepted articles that define and explain the organizational initiatives "National Spatial Data Infrastructure" and "Federal Geographic Data Committee"** for inclusion in the Encyclopedia of GIS. This encyclopedia is designed to be an authoritative source for definitions and concepts in the geospatial sciences field. It is expected to be released in January 2008. For more information about the Encyclopedia of GIS, visit: <http://www.springer.com/west/home/generics/search/results?SGWD=4-40109-22-173664907-0>.
- The Common Solutions team from the Geospatial Line of Business convened two seminars on April 11, 2007 at the FAA Headquarters in Washington to help executives and business architects become aware of geospatial concepts in order to better align agency enterprise architectures. The first seminar was for Chief Information Officers, Chief Technology Officers, and senior managers who are responsible for integrating agency data requirements. The second seminar was designed for agency business architects who are responsible for enabling geospatial capabilities into agency enterprise architectures. The seminars were well attended with over 60 participants and excellent presentations. *For more information contact Barry Davis (barry.c.davis@faa.gov).*

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