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Coordination Group Meeting

Users/Historical Data Working Group

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Introduction

The Mission/Purpose of the Users/Historical Data Working Group (UHDWG) is: to promote and coordinate activities among Federal agencies who are primarily users of, not generators of geospatial data.

Members include:

- Colleen Cahill, Library of Congress, Chair
- Brett Abrams, National Archives
- Butch Lazorchak, Library of Congress
- John Faundeen, USGS, EROS Center
- Dr. Robert R. Downs, Center for International Earth Science Information Network, Columbia University



Organizations

Members include:

- ◆ North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis
- ◆ North Carolina State University
- ◆ CIESIN
- ◆ EROS
- ◆ PASDA, Pennsylvania State University
- ◆ Tennessee Valley Authority
- ◆ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ◆ Department of Homeland Security
- ◆ Benjamin Harrison Society
- ◆ San Diego Supercomputer Center
- ◆ Western Illinois University
- ◆ USGS
- ◆ USDA



Recent Developments/Projects

- ◆ The UHDWG met on January 24, 2011
- ◆ Make contact with potential working group members
- ◆ Provided comments/feedback on Geospatial Road map
- ◆ Developed UHDWG information sheet
- ◆ More information at <http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hdwg>



Recent Developments/Projects, Cont'd.

- ◆ Identifying points of contact in all pertinent Federal agencies
- ◆ Inventory of Geospatial Appraisal Documents, concentrating on the government sector
- ◆ Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and the materials they preserve based on A-16 Supplemental Guidance



Starting Point

- ◆ Data Set Inventory created by Lifecycle Working Group
- ◆ Contact POC on List



Questions Part I

- ◆ How many data set(s) do you have? It is a single set or multiple sets?
- ◆ Are you a data set manager?
- ◆ Are you the POC for transferring the data set and/or for information about the data set?
- ◆ How often is the data set updated?



Questions Part II

- ◆ Is there an archive/backup of the data set or do you maintain an archived copy of it? If yes, how far back do you maintain a copy? Is it easily accessible?
- ◆ Does the data set go by a different name or is it referred to internally by another descriptive name?



Discoveries

- ◆ There are several identified POCs for data sets that are not up-to-date
- ◆ Some identified data sets are actually more than a single data set
- ◆ Some data sets are in more than one location



Next Steps for UHDWG

- ◆ In the coming months, the UHDWG hopes to accomplish/discuss:
 - Inventory of current archival standards of interest to the geospatial community that affect WG members; provide as input to Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center
 - Review Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance Appendix E (November 10, 2010 version) to explore contacts for potential pilot projects for preserving historic data based on data theme
 - Encourage agencies to schedule the disposition of geospatial data to NARA and LC



Questions?

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