

Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST Agenda

National Capitol Planning Commission 401 9th St NW, 5th floor Commission Chambers Washington D.C. 20240 **Location:**

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Introductions Update on the July 23, Hearing with the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Oversight Hearing on Federal Geospatial Data Management	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC
9:15 – 9:20	Previous Meeting Action Item Review	Pat Phillips, FGDC
9:20 – 9:35	FGDC Business Update ESRI International Users Conference IFTN Record of Decision Annual Report Update Coordination Group Operations	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC
9:35 – 9:50	FGDC Secretariat Report CG Charter revision/endorsement vote	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC
9:50 – 10:05	FGDC/Geo LoB Workgroups/Subcommittees Dashboards Review of Geo LoB Reporting Dashboard Objective: Consensus on Dashboard so usage can beginWG and SC reporting schedule and template format	Lew Sanford, FGDC Milo Robinson, FGDC
10:05 – 12:30	Topics of Interest 1) Geospatial Lifecycle Working Group Theme discussion: Objective: update members on progress of the WG and consensus on a way forward.	Wendy Blake- Coleman, EPA
	BREAK 2) Review/discuss and follow-up on the revision of Charters for the Standards WG, Technology and Architecture WG and the Metadata WG	Lew Sanford, FGDC
12:30 – 12:45 12:45 – 1:00 1:00	Parcel Data Workshop Update Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda Adjourn	Bob Adler, BLM Pat Phillips, FGDC

*Read-ahead Documents	1. 7/7/09 CG action items
(provided by	2. FGDC Business Report
Wednesday,7/22)	3. FGDC Secretariat Report
	4. TAWG Charter
	5. Parcels Data Workshop
Other Relevant documents	-

^{*} Read-ahead documents are located at the my.usgs.gov site for member access.

CG Meeting Planning

Coordination Group Meetings (topics listed by priority)

September 1, 2009, Tuesday, NCPC Washington, D.C., 9:00 – 1:00 EST

- 1. Geospatial Lifecycle Working Group Theme follow-up discussion: Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA. Objective: update members on comments received on the reorganization of data themes management structure as proposed at the 8/4/09 CG meeting.
- 2. FGDC Business Update: Ken Shaffer, FGDC
- 3. FGDC Secretariat Report: Ken Shaffer, FGDC
- 4. Example of a dashboard for the WG's and Subcommittees: Milo Robinson, FGDC; Randy Fusaro, Cencus
- 5. Harmonization of the WG's and SC's Charters: Lew Sanford, FGDC; John Mahoney, FGDC
- 6. Synopsis and rollout strategy for the SmartBuy: Lew Sanford, FGDC
- 7. Summary of the August NGAC meeting: John Mahoney, FGDC
- 8. Decide on a process for choosing a liaison to the ExCom meetings
- 9. Identify the order for the WG's and SC's to present at the CG meetings (Topics of Interest) :Milo Robinson, FGDC

October 13, 2009, Tuesday, NCPC Washington, D.C.,

November 3, 2009, Tuesday, NCPC Washington, D.C.,

December 1, 2009, Tuesday, NCPC Washington, D.C.,

Pending Topics (date topic was identified)

- Defining the NSDI (20090602-02)
- Standing up a Transportation Subcommittee (20090602-03)
- Define/recommend how programs, like *The National Map* and the National Atlas, are identified, included, tracked, and involved in the CG efforts. (20090602-05)
- One or two SC and WG to present status at each CG meeting (from July 7 meeting)
- Harvesting issue with GOS and geodata.gov. 20090707-02 Doug Nebert, FGDC
- Invite EPA to showcase the metadata tools as displayed at the ESRI International Conference (from August 4 meeting)



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ACTION ITEMS

Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action #: 20090804-01
Action:	Send the CG a list of agencies that have submitted mat	erials for the FGDC
	Annual Report. Provide the CG with hard deadlines.	
Contact:	FGDC, Milo Robinson, mrobinson@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/	Milo provided an e-mail to the CG on August 5.	
Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat and CG members	Action #: 20090804-02
Action:	Review and comment on the CG Operation Guidelines	was requested at the
	7/7/09 meeting. This is a reminder that comments shou	ld be submitted to Ken
	Shaffer on an on-going basis. The CG Operational Gu	idelines documentation is
	located at my.usgs.site in the 7/7/09 CG folder.	
Contact:	FGDC, Ken Shaffer, kshaffer@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/	No responses received.	
Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action #: 20090804-03
Action:	By show of hands, the CG recommended to forward th	
	the Steering Committee for review and vote. Send CG	charter to SC for vote.
Contact:	FGDC, Lew Sanford, lsanford@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/		
Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	CG Members	Action #: 20090804-04
Action:	Contact Arista Maher if planning to attend the August	-
	Advisory Committee meeting at the National Conservation Training Center in	
	Shepherdstown, WV.	
Contact:	FGDC, Arista Salimi- Maher, amaher@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/		
Response:		
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Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action #: 20090804-05
Action:	Add the GeoLoB to the diagram template and reflect the	
	the CG. Send the revised version to the CG for review.	•
	with Milo Robinson and Lew Sanford to develop a Dashboard reporting template	
	for the WG's and SC's.	
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Contact: Resolution/	FGDC, Milo Robinson, mrobinson@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/		

Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	CG Members	Action #: 20090804-06
Action:	The Lifecycle WG seeks comments on the reorganization of data themes and seeks validation of whether the data sets are correct. Does the CG consider this the right management structure to get the work done and does the CG endorse this approach. How does this recommendation impact the federal government? Lew Sanford will help develop a few survey questions and develop a forum on the my.usgs.gov site	
Contact:	FGDC Lew Sanford, lsanford@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/		
Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat and CG members	Action #: 20090707-03
Action:	Incorporate comments from the July meeting into the Charter and send the revised Charter out for vote to the meeting. The vote may be an electronic vote with comments.	e CG before the August 4, ment.
Contact:	FGDC, John Mahoney, <u>jmahoney@fgdc.gov</u> and Pat Phillips, <u>paphillips@fgdc.gov</u>	
Resolution/ Response:	The Charter Work Group met on Friday 7/24 and will present an update at the 8/4/09 CG meeting. By show of hands at the 8/4 meeting, the CG endorsed the CG Charter revision and recommended passing the charter through the Steering Committee for endorsement.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action #: 20090603-11
Action:	Merge the Geospatial Enterprise Architecture and Clearinghouse Working Groups into one Working Group named the "Technology and Architecture." 1) This merger to be included in the new Coordination Group Charter. 2) Ensure the new structure is reflected in the new structure graphic. Target date is early July.	
Contact:	FGDC, Doug Nebert, dnebert@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Draft Charter posted on my.usgs.gov space 7/24.	
Complete		
Lead:	CG Working Group	Action #: 20090603-13
Action:	Create an exploratory group/forum to make recommendations on adding a "Data Users Group" as a working group of the CG (focusing on Dept./agencies who use but do not create or manage geospatial data).	
Contact:	Milo Robinson, mrobinson@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Additional discussion on this topic took place at the 7/7/09 CG meeting with Colleen Cahill, LoC and Brett Abrams, NARA. Colleen provided an update at the 8/4 meeting continues to work on establishing this group.	
Complete		
Lead:	CG Working Group	Action #: 20090603-20
Action:	Rename the FGDC Historical Data Working Group to reflect a broader set of temporal data management issues and analyze the membership to ensure appropriate participation (ex: IFTN archiving WG).	
Contact:	LoC, Colleen Cahill ccah@loc.gov and NARA, Brett	Abrams,

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D 141 4	brett.abrams@nara.gov.	
Resolution/	Colleen provided an update at the 8/4 meeting and continues to contact and	
Response:	analyze membership.	
Complete		
Lead:	CG Working Group	Action #: 20090603-14
Action:	Realign the Marine Boundary Working Group under t	
	Subcommittee in the FGDC structure graphic. Once a	
	lead can work with the WG lead to combine the mem	pership.
Contact:	Milo Robinson, <u>mrobinson@fgdc.gov</u> , Tony Lavoi	
Resolution/	The graphic reflects this new structure. Per Tony 8/4 v	work on combining
Response:	membership is on going.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action #: 20090603-16
Action:	The Geo LoB dashboard approach will be developed a	as a mechanism for
	reporting out to the Coordination Group. This same re	eporting approach may be
	adapted to use as a reporting mechanism for the Subcommittees and Working	
	Groups. The Geo LoB dashboard will be presented at the July Coordination	
	Group meeting for review and comment.	
Contact:	Lew Sanford, lsaford@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/	This was a topic of discussion at the 7/7/09 CG meeting	ng. Lew provided a follow-
Response:	up at the 8/4/09 meeting.	
In Process		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action #: 20090603-19
Action:	The Executive and Coordination Group members cam	e to consensus to schedule
	joint meetings as necessary. It was suggested to focus	the next meeting on the
	National Geospatial Policy. Work with the ExCom leadership to identify a	
	recommended schedule for the meetings.	
Contact:	FGDC, Pat Phillips, paphillips@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/	This was discussed at the July 23, 2009 ExCom meeti	ng. ExCom
Response:	Recommendation:	
	1) Quarterly, scheduled joint meetings between the ExCom and CG should	
	be held	
	2) These will occur outside of regular ExCom or CG meetings	
	3) The meetings will be limited to 2 hours.	
	4) The ExCom and CG liaisons will present topic	es for the agendas.
	5) The first meeting should occur in the Septemb	er/October '09 timeframe.
	6) Possible meeting topics include:	
	 a. The National Geospatial Policy 	
	b. Communication Strategy	
	 c. LoB activity migration 	
	d. Open Geo Forum	
	Process for execution of these decisions still needs t	to be decided. Liaisons,
	once established, will determine meeting times and	topics.
In Process		
Lead:	CG Members	Action #: 20090603-21
Action:	The Executive Committee recommended establishing	Liaisons between the
	ExCom and the CoordGroup. They would attend each	
	issues and priorities to improve communications. Con	
	elect the CG liaison.	

Contact:	FGDC, Pat Phillips, paphillips@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/	1) This was discussed at the July 23, 2009 ExCom meeting. ExCom	
Response:	Recommendations: Both the ExCom and CG would identify a liaison	
-	from their primary membership that would attend the other's meetings.	
	a. The ExCom may rotate the member that participates in the CG	
	meetings in order to provide each Department a chance to	
	represent the ExCom.	
	b. The CG can decide whether to: 1) identify a primary member to	
	attend the ExCom meetings for a year, or 2) have primary	
	members rotate their representation.	
	2) Each liaison would attend the 1 st portion of the other's meeting, a	
	schedule time on each agenda. During that scheduled time the liaison	
	would present their group's issues, concerns, decisions, and/or requests in	
	a presentation and discussion.	
	Process for execution of these decisions still needs to be decided.	

ID	Decision/Description
(yyyymmdd-#)	Decisions provide a position/foundation on which actions are taken.
20090804-03	By show of hands, the CG recommended to forward the revised CG Charter to
	the Steering Committee for review and endorsement.



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Welcome and Introductions:

Ivan DeLoatch welcomed the participants to the August Coordination Group meeting and roll call was taken.

Ivan summarized the July 23, 2009 oversight hearing on *Federal Geospatial Data Management* before the House of Representatives, Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Karen Siderelis, Geospatial Information Officer, Department of the Interior and Acting Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee provided testimony on behalf of the Administration. Ivan strongly recommended reading the statements provided from the hearing at the following website:

Http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=54
The Subcommittee conveyed their disappointment that OMB did not attend to testify at this hearing. As of today, we are still waiting on the follow – up questions that will be submitted from the Committee.

Previous Action Item Review: Pat Phillips, FGDC

Pat reviewed the action items and closed out many of the items from the July meeting.

FGDC Business Update: Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC [presentation]

Comments received from the July 23 CG offsite recommended changes to the CG meeting format and agenda. Meeting read-ahead materials are now being provided to participants on the my.usgs.gov shared site 2 weeks ahead of the meeting. This approach seems to be working well.

The topics covered in the FGDC Business Report are:

The ESRI International Users Conference
IFTN Record of Decision
FY 09 Annual Report Update
CG Operational Guidelines
Geo LoB SmartBuy Update
CG Charter Update
Dashboard Reporting
Working Groups/ Subcommittee Structure and Reporting
Geo LoB Lifecycle WG- themes presentation
FGDC WG Charters

Parcel Data Workshop Update

• The July 12-17 ESRI International Users Conference, plenary session was very engaging. The Governor of Maryland, Martin O'Malley, provided the plenary. The plenary is available to read at http://www.esri.com/events/uc/agenda/plenary.html

The Geospatial Line of Business (Geo LoB) Lifecycle Work Group held an informal meeting at the conference.

- IFTN was addressed at the 7/23 ExCom meeting. The Record of Decision should be ready to circulate to the ExCom for review this week.
- The 2009 Annual Report's target completion date is November 1. The theme of the report this year is the Mortgage Crisis and Land Parcel Data. The report will include accomplishments, challenges and goals of the agencies.
- Action 20090804-01: Send the CG a list of agencies that have submitted materials for the FGDC Annual Report. Provide the CG with hard deadlines.
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- A joint press release will be developed for the SmartBuy by the Department of the Interior and GSA. The press release will be circulated to all FGDC Committees. OMB is not mandating SmartBuy to agencies; however, agencies not wanting to participate may have to sign a waiver.
- The CG needs to review and come to consensus on the CG charter revision. The CG charter will be used for a model/format for the other Work Groups and Subcommittees that have charter revisions.
- Action 20090804-03: By show of hands, the CG accepted and recommended to forward the revised CG charter to the Steering Committee for review and endorsement.

• Lew Sanford presented a revised GeoLob Dashboard for discussion and review. There is a new suite of factsheets available from the GeoLoB website www.fgdc.gov Folks are needed to work on the GeoLoB WG'S and the Technology and Architecture WG needs a Chair.

Q. Is the grants policy holding up things with the FAR.

A. This WG does not handle the FAR issues but they do deal with D-FAR. We are challenged by getting different guidance from different entities.

FGDC Secretariat Report: Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC [presentation]

The topics covered in the FGDC Secretariat Report were: 2010 CAP Category Submissions
Executive Committee meeting 7/23/09
Data.gov
Recovery.gov

- 2010 NSDI CAP categories are still being refined and are in final discussion and final writeup.
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 - 8) The ExCom is drafting a memo to the SAOGI's asking for participation in the ExCom meetings.
 - 9) Stephen Lowe, USDA is developing an FGDC Communication Plan, stay tuned.

The FGDC Secretariat plans to have one Steering Committee meeting before the calendar year. The Senate is confirming more and more Assistant Secretaries for the Agencies, we should have more SAOGI's in place soon. We also need to have the Chair and Vice-Chair confirmed from DOI and OMB.

The next National Geospatial Advisory Committee meeting will be in Shepherdstown, WV on August 25-26.

Action 20090804-04: Contact Arista Maher if you are planning to attend the August 25, 26 National Geospatial Advisory Committee meeting at the National Conservation Training Center

in Shepherdstown, WV.

Q. Will the GeoLoB continue with this Administration?

A. We don't know what the transition may look like. One possible scenario is to move the LoB out of the CPIC and IT process, all of this will have to be negotiated with OMB. There are currently 85 milestones on the dashboard.

- A featured tool in Data.gov, The USGS Visualization Viewer for Aerial and Satellite Data, currently has 10 million archived images of the Earth's surface available at the USGS EROS Data Center
- Maps are now going to be incorporated in Recovery.gov. Version 2 is slated to be released October 1.

FGDC/ Geo LoB Workgroups/Subcommittees Dashboard: Lew Sanford, FGDC Lew previously presented the Dashboard information during the FGDC Business report earlier in this meeting.

WG and SC Reporting Schedule and Template Format: Milo Robinson, FGDC [Template]

The WG and SC revised template was discussed.

Which reporting tool should be used, the dashboard or another format?

Action 20090804-05: Add the GeoLoB to the diagram template and reflect the GeoLoB reports to the CG. Send the revised version to the CG for review. Randy Fuscaro will work with Milo and Lew to develop a Dashboard reporting template for the WG's and SC's.

Geospatial Lifecycle Working Group Theme: Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA; Lorri Pettz-Lewis, BOR; Larry Sugarbaker, USGS [presentation] [read ahead]

The purpose of this presentation on the Geospatial Lifecycle WG activities is to begin a dialogue; put some proposals on the table; and have the CG provide feedback. We would like to validate and have concurrence today for the proposed data themes and datasets and the theme lead concept. Though this coordinated effort, the intended outcome is to improve on policy development; manage geospatial data as a strategic asset managed portfolio; speak as one-team, one –government, and, increase ROI: dollars and business support.

Lorri Pettz –Lewis walked though the lifecycle stages graphic. The WG is trying to get the most information they can on the elements of the walk through by evaluating best practices.

Larry Sugarbaker presented accomplishments in moving towards defining data themes and steps needed for portfolio management. OMB Circular A-16, appendix E identifies 34 themes. A September 2008 data call resulted in identifying approximately 140 "nationally significant" datasets under these themes. A small group then evaluated the A-16 framework with the goal to collaboratively consider options for reorganizing OMB Circular A-16 themes and associated datasets. The group then conducted an exercise to organize the themes.

The Lifecycle WG proposes that accountability should be at the coordination level with the theme manager and not the data level. The designated theme manager would be responsible for working with theme stakeholders to coordinate datasets within and across themes and to identify specific datasets they consider "nationally significant". Accountability at the coordination level may be favoratable in the budget process. It is a challenge to get sustainable budgets for geospatial programs and data managers are tiered of going around with the tin cup. The theme leads are envisioned as senior leadership funded through the FGDC. The Supplemental guidance looks at how this could be accomplished by looking at the role of the FGDC secretariat and the possibility supporting the theme managers.

Comment: A lot of data is produced at the state and local level. Their opinion must be considered.

Q. What agencies are associated with overseeing the themes?

A. The WG decided not to assign agencies to themes because we wanted to see if the data sets meet agency business needs first.

Comment: What we want today is the CG concurrence on the approach then we will look at other things. This is a completely different way of doing business.

Q. Congress appropriates agencies for developing datasets. How would we coordinate this new model?

A. If we make a better business case, better than we do today, I think Congress is hungry for a better approach.

Comment: Money is given to agencies to develop data already. The outcome of this approach is trying to show what exactly needs to be coordinated. The best example of this is parcels. The federal government doesn't produce all the data but the federal government will pull it all together through a National Parcel Coordinator.

Comment: Take a look at the partnership paper produced by Vicki Lukas, Shirley Hall and Randy Fusaro to see how coordination all fits together.

Comment: The proposed restructuring is very limited, just look at what kind of data is needed for DHS and this doesn't cut it. Themes are public national assets.

Comment: There should be a few more themes. Take energy as an example, it is part of multiple themes, geology, climate, and agriculture.

Comment: We are the Federal Geographic Data Committee, we should make sure geography is done right. We can help plot location but we are not the financial experts.

Action 2009-0804-06: The Lifecycle WG seeks comments on the reorganization of data themes and seeks validation of whether the data sets are correct. Does the CG consider this the right management structure to get the work done and does the CG endorse this approach. How does this recommendation impact the federal government? Lew Sanford will help develop a few survey questions.

and Architecture WG, and Metadata WG: Lew Sanford, FGDC

This discussion was deferred to the September CG meeting.

Parcel Data Workshop Update: Bob Ader, BLM [presentation]

Bob Ader summarized the result of the May 7, 2009 Land Parcel Data for the Mortgage Crisis Stakeholders meeting.

This meeting was requested as part of the FGDC examination of the recommendations offered in the 2007 National Research Council report "National Land Parcel Data: A Vision for the Future" and is a continuation of the on-going work of the Cadastral Subcommittee.

The three major objectives of the meeting was to:

- Seek input and feedback from key stakeholders on their needs
- Illustrate existing tools and sources of data
- Gather information to produce a report on the requirements for land parcel data, and to give this data a spatial attribute so it can be used.

See the attached presentation for information on general findings, recommendations, and suggestions for implementation.

Summary of Action Items/ Next Meeting Agenda Topics: Pat Phillips, FGDC The September suggested meeting topics are listed on page 2 of this report. Adjourn