The Need for a National Addresses Database

National Geospatial Advisory Committee Gene Trobia April, 2012



National Addresses Database: Key Issues

- Public Safety requires addresses in order to save lives and property
- Addresses are not listed as part of A-16, but should be.
- The NSDI was intended to pull together data from many sources, including federal, state, local, and tribal.
 - + To date nearly 100% of the effort has been on federal data sources.
 - + That is not good enough to meet the nation's need for data.
 - + Addresses could break that mold.



National Addresses Database: Key Issues

- × Addresses are created by local government.
- State and Local governments have strong business drivers and positioning to steward the full set of addresses: residential, business, landmarks, etc.
- Federal government can provide a national structure and coordinate a national addresses database



Background Paper Highlights

- While Public Safety may be the major driver for a National Addresses Database please review the Background Paper list of all the other uses we show in our matrix
- Note that stakeholders at all levels of government and the private sector have roles and needs to collect and maintain address data (end of document)
- Several states already have statewide address files; e.g. IN, OH, VT, WV. Those states stepped up. Many more can.







Questions?



Gene Trobia Arizona State Cartographer Email: <u>gtrobia@land.az.gov</u>

