



**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Coordination Group Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

FED ONLY SESSION: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m

Location: National Capital
Planning Commission
(NCPC)
401 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Room: Suite 500 (5th Floor)

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agency Activities of Special Interest	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC; Randy Fusaro, Census; Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
9:15 – 9:20	Previous Meeting Action Item Review	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
9:20– 10:05	FGDC Business Report	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC</i>
10:05 – 10:35	Executive Committee Liaison Update	<i>Dan Cotter, DHS</i>
10:35 – 11:05	FGDC Website – Improvement Ideas	<i>Vaishal Sheth, FGDC</i>
11:05– 11:30	Standards Work Group Report	<i>Julie Maitra, FGDC</i>
11:30 – 12:00	NGA Standards Open Support Process	<i>Sam Bacharach, NGA</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
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1:00 – 1:45	A-16 Supplemental Guidance	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC</i>

1:45 – 2:45	Geospatial Platform	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC</i>
2:45 – 3:00	Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
3:00	<i>Adjourn</i>	

*Read-ahead Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FGDC Business Report CG 20110719 v6.pptx 2. FGDC Website Improvement Ideas Discussion - Vaishal Sheth.ppt 3. Standards Update - 2011-07-19.pdf 4. Standards Update 2011-07-19.xlsx 5. Standards Work Group Report - Julie Maitra.ppt
Other Relevant documents	

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

CG Meeting Planning

<p>Coordination Group Meetings Topics (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn - All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm EST at NCPC in D.C., unless otherwise noted
<p>August 9, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Geologic Subcommittee (Dave Soller); Cultural and Demographic Statistics Work Group (Randy Fusaro).
<p>September 13, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Users/Historical Data WG (Colleen Cahill); Geodetic Control SC (Joe Evjen).
<p>October 18, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Vegetation SC (Ralph Crawford); Spatial Water Data SC (Tod Dabolt and Bob Pierce).
<p>November 8, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Metadata WG (TBD); Wetlands SC (Bill Wilen); Transportation for the Nation SC (Mark Bradford).
<p>ExCom Liaison Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 9: Jerry Johnston • September 13: Jim Kwolek • October 18: Stephen Lowe • November 8: Joe Klimavicz • December 13: Adrian Gardner



Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through July 19, 2011

Pending		
Lead:	Jon Sperling, HUD	Action#: 20110419-04
Action:	Jon Sperling will share the Questionnaire on Agency use of Address Data Files with his contacts at FedStats.	
Contact:	Jon Sperling, HUD, jon.sperling@hud.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA	Action#: 20110419-07
Action:	Wendy will contact Dave Soller about nationally consistent geologic data sets and using watersheds as a model.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, Blake-Coleman.Wendy@epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110419-12
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will look into obtaining more information from DoD/Marine Corps about their portfolio management template.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	The FGDC Secretariat will follow up with Dave LaBranche (DISDI) to track down the contact information for this POC.	
Pending		
Lead:	Don Buhler, BLM, and Bob Ader, BLM	Action#: 20110510-02
Action:	Don Buhler (BLM) and Bob Ader (BLM) will follow up with contacts at GSA on the Federal Excess Properties Map system.	
Contact:	Don Buhler, BLM, Don_Buhler@blm.gov , and Bob Ader, BLM, Bob_Ader@blm.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	Don Buhler, BLM, and Bob Ader, BLM	Action#: 20110510-03
Action:	Don Buhler (BLM) and Bob Ader (BLM) will work with contacts at the State of North Carolina on the transmission of parcel data and report back to the Coordination Group on this.	
Contact:	Don Buhler, BLM, Don_Buhler@blm.gov , and Bob Ader, BLM, Bob_Ader@blm.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	CG Members	Action#: 2011614-02
Action:	CG members who are interested in participating in the NDOP Subcommittee's Project Management Subgroup meeting planned for July should contact Anne O'Connor or Shirley	

	Hall.	
Contact:	Anne O'Connor, Census, anne.v.o.connor@census.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Action posted for a month.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110614-03
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will schedule a session with Grant Thornton to help determine next steps for execution of the A-16 Supplemental Guidance implementation plan.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	On-going discussions are occurring. A draft presentation on agency responsibilities to help education senior leadership was presented to the CG for comment 7/19/2011.	
Pending		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110614-05
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will send out a request for organizational charts from the CG Members to allow for clearer identification of who the data theme lead from each agency would be, in relation to the A-16 Supplemental Guidance.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Pending		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110614-06
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will work with Grant Thornton to develop a presentation for CG members to take back to their agencies explaining the A-16 Supplemental Guidance.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110719-01
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will provide guidance to the Coordination Group on input needed for the Annual Report.	
Contact:	Gita Urban-Mathieux, FGDC, burbanma@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Notice for AR input was sent to CG members from Ivan DeLoatch on 6/23/11 and a reminder for submissions was sent 7/18/11. Email to Subcommittee and Working Group leads for content sent 7/20/11.	
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Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110719-02
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will post Dan Cotter's presentation on the Federal GeoCONOPS and the National Urban Change Indicator Dataset to the myUSGS site.	
Contact:	Arista Maher, FGDC, amaher@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Presentation posted on 7/20/11.	
Pending		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20110719-03
Action:	Coordination Group members are asked to contact Vaishal Sheth with their suggestions for improvement of the FGDC website.	
Contact:	Vaishal Sheth, FGDC, vsheth@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:		

Complete		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20110719-04
Action:	Coordination Group members should submit any ideas they have for building use cases demonstrating the benefits of the Geospatial Platform to the FGDC Secretariat staff.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Deadline for use cases was 7/21/11. While this request for the initial Platform implementation, agencies are urged to supply additional use cases as they are identified.	
Pending		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110719-05
Action:	Scott Cameron's slide deck and spreadsheet on the Geospatial Portfolio Management Theme Lead Agency Roles and Responsibilities will be shared with the Coordination Group Federal members, along with instructions for those members to provide their questions or comments.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Presentation and spreadsheet posted on 7/20/11. Instructions to CG members for comments are forthcoming.	

ID (yyyymmdd-#)	Decision/Description Decisions provide a position/foundation on which actions are taken.
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Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting MEETING MINUTES July 19, 2011

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
x	Shirley Hall	USDA- Farm Service Agency		Bill Wilen	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
x	Marisa Capriotti	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
	Betsy Kanalley	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
	Ralph Crawford	USDA – US Forest Service		Bob Pierce	DOI – USGS
	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey		Dan Sandhaus	DOI - USGS
	Tony LaVoi	DOC - NOAA		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Randy Fusaro	DOC – Census Bureau		Roy Standing	Dept of State
x	Anne O'Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
x	Steve Jackson	DOD - NGA		Raquel Wright	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
	David LaBranche	DOD - DISDI		Elaine Boston	Dept of Treasury
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD - DISDI		Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs

	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics	x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
	David Morehouse	Dept. of Energy – US Energy Info Administration		George Brilis	EPA
	Carl Kinkade	DHHS – CDC		Tod Dabolt	EPA – Office of Water
	Robert Shankman	DHHS – Office of Preparedness and Emergency Ops	x	Sandra Downie	GSA
	Jeff Booth	DHS – Office of the CIO		Philip Klokis	GSA
	Dennis Hardy	DHS		Autumn Wallin	GSA
	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Colleen Cahill	Library of Congress
	Salvatore Sclafani	HUD - Office of Community Planning & Development	x	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
	Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy		Gregory Mann	NASA
	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research	x	Brett Abrams	NARA
	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM		Clifford Jacobs	National Science Foundation
	Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Trisha Christian	Small Business Administration
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE	x	David Timmons	Social Security Administration
	Joe Gregson	DOI – Nat'l Park Service		Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	Tim Smith	DOI – Nat'l Park Service			
	Robert Welsh	DOI – Office of Surface Mining			
x	Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service			
	Other Attendees	Organization		Attendee	Organization
x	Sam Bacharach	NGA	x	John Mahoney	FGDC
x	Anne Ball	NOAA	x	Julie Binder Maitra	FGDC
x	Bill Burgess	NSGIC	x	Jeremy McHugh	NOAA
x	Scott Cameron	GT	x	Kristie McLeroy	NRCS
x	Dan Cotter	DHS	x	Arista Maher	FGDC
x	Jeff Cullen	GT	x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC
x	Dan Good	USDA	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC
x	Arista Maher	FGDC	x	Heather Sumpter	GT
			x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC

Welcome, Roll Call, and Agency Activities of Special Interest – Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC; Randy Fusaro, Census; Arista Maher, FGDC

Ivan DeLoatch (FGDC) welcomed members to the meeting on behalf of himself and Randy Fusaro, Co-Chair (Census). Members were asked to introduce themselves and provide a brief description of any issues of special interest to their agencies. No issues of special interest were brought up.

Previous Meeting Action Item Review – Arista Maher, FGDC

The previous meeting action items were reviewed for the Coordination Group, and the resolutions/responses to each action were discussed.

FGDC Business and Secretariat Report – Ken Shaffer, FGDC

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Ken Shaffer (FGDC) gave a summary of recent FGDC activities and meetings. An overview of the meeting's agenda was given. The various committees' activities and decisions were reviewed. The actions arising out of the June Steering Committee were reviewed and statuses for each were presented. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in October; the tentative date/time is Tuesday, October 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Institute of Architects Board Room in Washington, DC. The Executive Committee (ExCom) teleconference on June 22 was briefly reviewed. The next ExCom meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27. Highlights from the June meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) were presented, including that there was a leadership dialogue with FGDC Chair Anne Castle (DOI) and that the NGAC adopted the paper on Best Practices for Interagency Data Sharing. A panel discussion on parcel data also took place at the NGAC meeting. The two Department of Transportation-related recommendations that NGAC adopted at the meeting were outlined, and the overall follow-up actions for the Committee were overviewed. The tentative date for the next NGAC meeting is October 4-5, 2011; location to be determined. The next Coordination Group meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NCPC (the afternoon session will be "Fed Only" once again).

The CG vote on the NGDA Themes was discussed. The first vote endorsed the themes and the second vote verified agency agreement with the final theme descriptions. The list of themes was endorsed by the CG on July 1. The next steps are to identify the theme lead agencies and data sets. Once these are finalized by the SC, recommendations on changes to Appendix E of the A-16 Supplemental Guidance can be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their endorsement. Next, an update on the Geospatial Line of Business and Geospatial Platform was given. Each task and subtask was outlined, and progress on each item was discussed. This was followed by a brief status report on the GeoCloud/Sandbox. The FY 2012 Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) was also discussed, and it was noted that CG input on the CAP was due July 8. The GSDI Small Grants Program is open for proposal submissions, and the window for this will close in October 2011. The 2011 FGDC Annual Report is currently being put together. Possible themes for the report include: Place-Based Initiatives, Broadband Mapping, or Emergency Response. CG members are asked to contact Gita Urban-Mathieux (burbanma@fgdc.gov) if they have suggestions for the theme, NSDI Champion, or anything else. Responses are due by July 29.

An update on standards was presented. It was noted that the status of standards projects is now being tracked in a spreadsheet, which was provided as a read-ahead and is available at my.usgs.gov. The spreadsheet will be updated monthly. Other information that cannot be readily added to the spreadsheet will be posted to a separate document on myUSGS in a monthly update. The team working on the Address Data standard is working on a task to describe tool modules and would like FGDC participation in developing use cases. The INCITS L1 standards activities were reviewed, and it was noted that INCITS L1/U.S. TAG last met on June 6. The OGC standards activities were also discussed, noting that OGC has issued a call for comments on GML 3.3, due August 4. The GWG activities were outlined. The next polling session will be September 22,

and the next change request package will be issued 30 days in advance of the session. The FGDC OS will forward change request proposals to the CG for review and approval within the 30-day window. A diagram on the FGDC-GWG process alignment was presented. Any CG member who would like to participate in the review of GWG standards on the focus group level are asked to contact Julie Maitra (jmaitra@fgdc.gov). It was noted that a report on the standards use survey is currently being prepared, and some of those findings will be published in the 2011 FGDC Annual Report. Finally, it was mentioned that the Questionnaire on Agency Use of Address Data Files is open for input at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/address-data-use> ; the survey is open until July 21.

ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat will provide guidance to the Coordination Group on input needed for the Annual Report.

Executive Committee Liaison Update – Dan Cotter, DHS

[Presentation]

Dan Cotter (DHS) gave an update on the FGDC Executive Committee's recent activities. He began by reviewing some of the geospatial activities occurring at DHS. The Federal GeoCONOPS and the National Urban Change Indicator Dataset were the two main focal points of his presentation. He began with a discussion on the Federal GeoCONOPS. Version 3.0 of the GeoCONOPS was completed in June 2011. The new content includes: a mitigation and preparedness chapter; disaster operations chapter update; best practices (ENVAS environmental assessment tool and DHS OneView); and appendices (DHS GII/OneView and DHS IRSCC). A diagram of the Geospatial CONOPS Community Model was presented. The various components of the GeoCONOPS were presented in greater detail, including how they fit in with the potential uses for emergency response. It was tested during the 2011 National Level Exercise. Some of the key AAR findings will be presented at the NSGIC conference in September 2011. Those findings included that the accuracy of GeoCONOPS was validated, and it was shown to be a useful planning and preparedness tool. Twelve recommendations were developed around operations, information sharing and situational awareness, and outreach and training. The timeline for some of the upcoming events related to GeoCONOPS was presented; CG members were encouraged to participate if interested.

The National Urban Change Indicator Dataset was discussed. The driver for the dataset is DHS' need to identify persistent land cover changes that may reflect urbanization in order to: prioritize flood risk studies and mapping; identify urban encroachment around critical infrastructure and key resources; and to detect changes in human activities near national borders. Wider uses for the dataset include targeting updates to base maps to reduce maintenance costs by 90%, and monitoring wetlands. DHS has purchased an agency license for unlimited internal use and limited external viewing (including all HSIN users). The license costs \$550,000 a year, with a minimum commitment of two years. During Year 1, there was delivery of 50% of the lower 48 states. Year 2 included delivery for the balance of the lower 48 states. The dataset was successfully used by FEMA for the National Flood Insurance Program for FY 2011. The next steps include determining whether there is an appetite to assess how these data can be created and made in the public domain; whether a workshop or more detailed briefing on technology and applications is needed; and whether the limited release of some scenes to the community for evaluation would be possible or useful.

ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat will post Dan Cotter's presentation on the Federal GeoCONOPS and the National Urban Change Indicator Dataset to the myUSGS site.

FGDC Website – Improvement Ideas – Vaishal Sheth, FGDC

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Vaishal Sheth (FGDC) gave a presentation on potential areas of improvement for the FGDC website (www.fgdc.gov), with an opportunity for CG members to give feedback regarding the website. First, the purpose and goals of the FGDC website, as outlined in OMB Circular A-16, were presented. The parts of the website that should be updated annually were highlighted. Previous designs of the FGDC website were shown (one from prior to 2005, and one from the redesign in 2006). It was noted that the FGDC Office of the Secretariat is looking to redesign the website once again in order to present a more useful and updated site, and would like the Coordination Group members' input on this redesign and usability. The FGDC website's audience (represented in site hits from June 2011) was broken down into a bar graph showing percentages of each type of user (i.e., network, company, government, education, military, etc.) Networks (37.23% of total hits), companies (28.95%), and government (16.84%) comprised the largest three groups of users. The potential areas for improvement for the website were outlined, including: look and feel; navigation and search; content; social media; and multimedia. The session was opened up for discussion by the group on ideas for improvement.

Randy Fusaro (Census) suggested adding a map of the U.S. with corresponding information about which agency point of contact (POC) coordinates geospatial activities for each region. Dick Vraga (USGS) noted that FEMA has geospatial contacts listed on their website by state, and this could be used as a model for the FGDC website. Ken Shaffer (FGDC) suggested that the new iteration of the website needs clear connectivity between the FGDC site and GeoPlatform site. Doug Nebert (FGDC) said that he believes that the Geospatial Platform, Geospatial Line of Business, and Geospatial OneStop/Data.gov need to be integrated "cleanly." He also suggested a bi-weekly blog as a replacement for news items, and that this would provide an opportunity to be more proactive in raising pertinent topics. Anne O'Connor (Census) stated that she believes the FGDC home page should be revamped to include broader categories of information. She suggested removing extraneous categories and re-filing them under fewer, broader categories (e.g., one could be entitled something like, "Collaborative Activities" or "Initiatives"). Jacquie Nolan (Library of Congress) suggested adding a contacts directory of FGDC participants by category/affiliation. In tandem with this, she noted that it would be helpful to have a quick search/advanced search capability via a database so users can search for the correct contact without having to know where to look based on knowledge of the person's affiliation. Randy Fusaro asked whether it is possible to have password-protected access for key FGDC members to have the ability to update specific pages on the website. Vaishal responded that privacy concerns have drastically limited non-USGS users' access to updating pages. He noted that if members have updates, they are welcome to send them to him and he will update the page for them. Dick Vraga noted that the NGAC asked for more focus on the data portion of FGDC, so this should be taken into consideration when re-doing the FGDC website. Randy Fusaro stated that she would like to see Geospatial Line of Business documents more readily available to web users (e.g., Lifecycle work products). Linda Zellmer stated that the "Manual of Federal Geographic Data Products" (published sometime in the mid-1990s) should be made available on the website. Ivan DeLoatch suggested that the site implement RSS feeds to alert communities of interest regarding upcoming issues of interest to those particular communities. Steve Jackson (NGA) suggested adding more information about the NGAC – possibly a blog. He suggested considering using the NGAC lightning sessions from the meetings as posts for quick, thought-provoking ideas. He also suggested using NGAC members as resources for other blog post ideas.

ACTION: Coordination Group members are asked to contact Vaishal Sheth with their suggestions for improvement of the FGDC website.

Standards Work Group Report – Julie Maitra, FGDC

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Julie Maitra (FGDC) gave a presentation on the recent activities of the Standards Work Group. The mission and purpose of the Work Group is: “to promote the development and implementation of standards in support of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.” A slide showing the members of the Standards Work Group was presented. The most recent meeting of the Work Group was a teleconference/webinar that was held on April 21, 2011. The topic of discussion at that meeting was the Federal Trails Data Standard (FTDS). The outcome of the meeting was that the Standards Work Group recommended that the CG endorse the FTDS. Some of the recent developments and projects of the Work Group were outlined. The review and recommendations regarding the 2011 CAP Category 2 and 6 proposals concluded in February 2011. The next meeting of the Standards Work Group will be sometime in late August. The agenda topic for this meeting is the review of the Geospatial Intelligence Standards Work Group (GWG) change requests and recommendation for CG approval. August 22 is the expected date for the release of the change request package, and September 22 is the last date for the GWG polling session. CG approval of the GWG standards should be approved by the session. CG members are encouraged to participate in the August meeting of the Standards Work Group, as they will be voting on the GWG standards. Some of the potential next steps for the Standards Work Group were discussed, including following up on the standards use survey and continuing to review and adjust the FGDC GWG process alignment as needed. Julie emphasized the need for more membership on the Standards Work Group.

NGA Standards Open Support Process – Sam Bacharach, NGA

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Sam Bacharach (NGA) presented on the NGA Standards Open Support Process. The presentation was primarily intended to provide an introduction to the National System for Geospatial Intelligence (NSG) Interoperability Action Team (NIAT). The group is made up of 8 Federal employees and 18 contractors participating on this team. NIAT is an outreach, advisory, and coordination activity working to improve GEOINT data and services interoperability across the NSG. NIAT provides program support to organizations requesting help in working with Programs of Record (PoRs), Quick Reaction Capabilities (QRCs), and Joint Capability Technology Demonstrations (JCTDs). They perform community outreach by supporting various organizations across the Department of Defense (DoD) and IC. NIAT also performs document review functions, and gives a “seal of approval” to validate a particular program’s successful use of GEOINT standards at various milestones. Through its standards activities, NIAT supports rewrites of DoD and JCS documents. Additionally, they provide standards expertise to program managers in the development of selected standard profiles. A diagram of how NIAT fits into the DoD/IC world of standards was presented.

The NSG Seal of Approval was discussed. The mission of the Seal of Approval is to validate that standards-compliant solutions for the capability-based requirements requested have been delivered. The Global Information Grid Technical Profile (GTP)—a design document that provides the core set of technical functions and/or standards required to implement a capability—was discussed as well. A GEOINT GTP will provide standards, profiles, schemas, encodings/formats, test materials, and architectural information to design and implement GEOINT capabilities. Overall, it was noted that NIAT assistance has been well-received. It allows acquisition officials to clearly delineate what they want to buy, and Seal validation allows them to clearly identify when they have received it.

Agency Activity of Special Interest Announcement – Jeremy McHugh, NOAA

Jeremy McHugh (NOAA) made a brief announcement regarding an agency activity of special interest. He noted that a Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee meeting was recently held at the ESRI meeting in San Diego, and 17 Federal agencies and 3 state agencies were represented at the meeting. Presentations from this meeting have been posted on the FGDC website, and the meeting notes will be posted there soon.

Additionally, updates to the National Spatial Reference System that are currently being made were briefly

reviewed, including a North American adjustment for 2011. Members seeking more information on these activities are encouraged to visit the National Geodetic Survey website or contact Jeremy McHugh.

Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda – Arista Maher, FGDC

The meeting's action items were reviewed, and topics for the next meeting's agenda were briefly discussed.

Adjourn

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