

Geospatial Platform

NGAC Governance Subcommittee Comments

- Governance approach has to be two-pronged. One activity needs to continue development of a holistic approach to governance of the NSDI including all stakeholders. The other is an operational activity to include Feds and an inter-governmental mechanism to identify requirements for the Geospatial Platform and to manage the Geospatial Platform.
- Geospatial Platform document was well done. A lot of good information. However, also raises many more questions. Need more specifics and detail.
- Clear that FGDC listened to what we said.
- The budget language for improved governance to “address requirements of State, local, and Tribal agencies” was intended to be more than a suggestion and requires strong enforcement.
- The Subcommittee welcomed the news and supported the idea of an FGDC Intergovernmental Committee. Consider starting as an interim body and let it evolve. However, we also need a national conversation to develop the "how."
- A little concerned that much of the important stuff, in particular the Governance discussion, is in the appendix and not the main document.

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- Supported the Managing Partner approach, especially using dedicated permanent employees and long-term details to manage operations. Critical to success. Challenge may be where this would be housed. Can't be housed or staffed as usual.
- Requirements gathering components - the approach described in the paper is a start but needs to be broader. Consider expanding the GIS Inventory as a starting point.
- Need to outline with more specifics how priorities will be set, decisions will be made, who will be involved or engaged and how to resolve disputes. The Subcommittee was asked to explore and suggest approaches for a shared decision model and identify actions that could be part of Timebox 1 and/or 2.
- Need some specifics around the vision.
- Adherence to compliance is a challenge. The intention is make federal agencies and other partners want to participate. Incentives may include compensation through value to them but there will be consequences for non-compliance.
- Agreed that those compensated (partners) for providing services to the platform must follow the rules of engagement.
- Must make the message more positive focusing on the incentives, value and benefits that it brings.