

**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Coordination Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

FED ONLY SESSION: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 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; Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
9:15 – 9:25	Previous Meeting Action Item Review	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
9:25 – 10:10	FGDC Business Report	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC</i>
10:10 – 10:40	Executive Committee Liaison Update	<i>Jim Kwolek, NGA</i>
10:40 – 11:10	Geodetic Control Subcommittee Report	<i>Ronnie Taylor, NOAA</i>
11:10 – 11:40	Update on USAID’s Geospatial Center	<i>Carrie Stokes, USAID</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Address Survey Results	<i>Randy Fusaro, Census</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
	*** FED ONLY SESSION BEGINS***	
1:00 – 1:30	A-16 Supplemental Guidance	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC</i>
1:30 – 1:55	Geospatial Platform	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC</i>

1:55 – 2:00 **Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda**

Arista Maher, FGDC

2:00 ***Adjourn***

*Read-ahead Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2011-8-31_Geospatial Platform Value Proposition_v8.6.docx 2. Address Data Survey - Randy Fusaro.ppt 3. ExCom Liaison Update - Jim Kwolek.pptx 4. Geodetic Control SC Update - Ronnie Taylor.pptx 5. Standards Update - 2011-09-20 v2.pdf 6. Standards Update 2011-09-20.xlsx
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>October 19, 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>December 13, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Geologic SC (Dave Soller).
<p>ExCom Liaison Schedule</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 18: Stephen Lowe • November 8: Joe Klimavicz • December 13: Adrian Gardner



Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through August 9, 2011

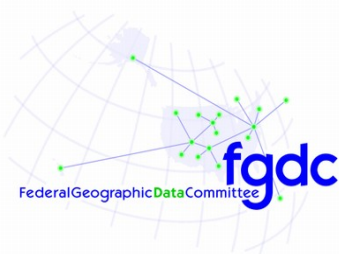
Due Date: 9/20/11		
Lead:	Jon Sperling, HUD	Action#: 20110419-04
Action:	Jon Sperling will share the Questionnaire on Agency use of Address Data Files with his contacts at FedStats.	
Contact:	Jon Sperling, HUD, jon.sperling@hud.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Jon has contacted FedStats and is waiting for their feedback and participation in the Questionnaire. Randy Fusaro will be giving an update on the Questionnaire at the 9/20/11 CG meeting.	
Due Date: 9/20/11		
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:	Wendy is still in the process of contacting Dave.	
Due Date: 9/20/11 – Action Closed		
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 followed up with Dave LaBranche (DISDI), who forwarded the request to contacts at the Marine Corps. There has been no response yet.	
Due Date: 9/20/11		
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:		
Due Date: 9/20/11		
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:		
Due Date: 9/20/11 - Complete		
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:	No comments have been received. CG members are still encouraged to provide comments and suggestions.	
Due Date: 9/20/11 - Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110809-01
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will send out a message clarifying the guidance in the memorandum regarding re-designation of SAOGIs.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	The message from the FGDC Chair was sent through the President's Management Council members to agencies to identify their SAOGIs and attached and referenced the previous SAOGI memo sent by OMB (M-06-07) in 2006.	
Due Date: 9/20/11 - Complete		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20110809-02
Action:	Coordination Group members are asked to work with leadership in their respective agencies to ensure that a response to the re-designation of SAOGIs memorandum is submitted to the FGDC Secretariat.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Several SAOGIs identified to date, and agencies that have not designated will be discussed with the FGDC Chair.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat/CG Members	Action#: 20110809-03
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will share the Geospatial Platform value proposition document that is currently being developed with the Coordination Group members. Coordination Group members will be asked for their input on the business case document within a short time frame.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Value proposition document posted to myUSGS on 9/9/11.	
Complete		
Lead:	CG Primary Members	Action#: 20110809-04
Action:	CG Primary Members who are interested in self-nominating as Co-Chair are asked to submit their intent for self-nomination and statement of support from their SAOGIs to the FGDC Secretariat staff no later than COB September 9, 2011.	
Contact:	Arista Maher, FGDC, amaher@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Nominations have been received.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110809-06

Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will post a link to the EPA's Exchange Network Grant program on the FGDC website as a news item.	
Contact:	Vaishal Sheth, FGDC, vsheth@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	The link was posted on August 22.	
Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110809-07
Action:	The slides on the FY 2012 GeoLoB tasks and subtasks will be posted to myUSGS so that Coordination Group members can review and send their comments to the FGDC Secretariat.	
Contact:	Arista Maher, FGDC, amaher@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Slides have been posted to myUSGS under the 8/9/11 meeting folder, entitled: GeoLoB Task Areas FY2012 8-5-11.pptx	
Due Date: 9/20/11 - Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110809-08
Action:	Task 2, Subtask 2 and Task 3 on the FY 2012 GeoLoB tasks will be revised by the FGDC Secretariat and will then be sent back to the CG Federal members for their input.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Task list sent out on 9/16/11.	
Due Date: ASAP		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20110809-09
Action:	CG Members who have contacts in their agencies' E-Gov offices are asked to contact those offices if there are any outstanding interagency agreements relating to GeoLoB to help "close the loop," if necessary.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	As of 9/15/11, the following agency's contributions are still outstanding: DOC (pending), USDA, USDOL, NSF (pending), DOT, USACE, USAID.	
Due Date: 9/12/11 - Complete		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20110809-11
Action:	The draft implementation strategy document for the A-16 Supplemental Guidance will be added as an agenda item to the next MPT teleconference.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Discussions occurred at the 9/12 meeting. Discussions and revisions continue.	
Due Date: ASAP		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20110920-01
Action:	The Coordination Group will develop a white paper on recommendations regarding address data based on the results of the Questionnaire on Agency Use of Address Data files. CG members are asked to contact Randy Fusaro with input on this topic.	
Contact:	Randy Fusaro, Census, randy.j.fusaro@census.gov	
Resolution/Response:		

Due Date: 9/23/11		
Lead:	Coordination Group Members	Action#: 20110920-02
Action:	Coordination Group members should review and provide any edits or comments on the A-16 Supplemental Guidance Implementation Strategy document using “track changes,” and they should submit those comments to Catherine Nolan by Friday, September 23.	
Contact:	Catherine Nolan, GT, Catherine.Nolan@us.gt.com	
Resolution/Response:		
Due Date: 10/19/11		
Lead:	Wendy Blake-Coleman	Action#: 20110920-03
Action:	Wendy Blake-Coleman (EPA) will follow up with contacts at NOAA for clarification on the Water-Inland theme datasets.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epamail.epa.gov	
Resolution/Response:		

ID (yyyymmdd-#)	Decision/Description
	Decisions provide a position/foundation on which actions are taken.



**Federal Geographic Data Committee
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MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011**

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
	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
x	Tony LaVoi	DOC - NOAA		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Randy Fusaro	DOC – Census Bureau	x	Roy Standing	Dept of State
x	Anne O’Connor	DOC – Census Bureau	x	Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
	Steve Jackson	DOD - NGA		Raquel Wright	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
x	David LaBranche	DOD - DISDI		Elaine Boston	Dept of Treasury
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD - DISDI	x	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		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	x	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
x	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM		Clifford Jacobs	National Science Foundation
x	Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Trisha Christian	Small Business Administration
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE		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			
	Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service			
	Other Attendees	Organization		Attendee	Organization
x	Bill Burgess	NSGIC	x	Julie Binder Maitra	FGDC
x	Donald Campbell	FCC	x	Jeremy McHugh	NOAA
x	Teddy Dyer	DoE	x	Kristie McLeroy	
x	Leonard Gore	BLM	x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC
x	Jim Kwolek	NGA	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC	x	Ronnie Taylor	NOAA
x	Arista Maher	FGDC	x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC
x	John Mahoney	FGDC	x	Linda Zellmer	WIU

Welcome and Roll Call – Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC; Arista Maher, FGDC

Ivan DeLoatch (FGDC) welcomed members to the meeting, and members were asked to introduce themselves. Members were asked to provide brief statements of agency activities of special interest, if applicable.

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 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. One of the follow-on actions to the June 7 Steering Committee meeting was to create a document that explains the value of the Geospatial Platform. In response to this action, the FGDC created a Value Proposition document, which has recently been sent to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

(NGAC) for review and discussion at the October NGAC meeting. Another recent activity pertaining to the Steering Committee is the currently open vote on the Federal Trails Data Standard. This standard was endorsed by the Coordination Group and sent to the Steering Committee for their endorsement. The vote closes on September 30. The activities of the Coordination Group were also discussed. CG members can comment on the FY 2012 GeoLoB tasks during today's meeting. CG members are asked to review the *Supplemental Guidance Implementation Strategy* document by September 23. With regards to Executive Committee (ExCom), it was noted that the August ExCom meeting was cancelled and that there is nothing new to report. The next meeting will be on September 28, and the agenda for that meeting is still pending.

Upcoming FGDC meetings were discussed. The next Steering Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, October 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST at the American Institute of Architects Board Room (2nd floor). Interested attendees are asked to register with Arista Maher (amaher@fgdc.gov) as soon as possible. The next NGAC meeting will take place during the same week as Steering Committee, on October 4-5 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. Attendees should register with Arista no later than September 26. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the meeting include: the Geospatial Platform (including a demo of the Platform v1 site and comments on the Value Proposition document), the Innovative Strategies paper, the objectives and goals of the Tribal Subcommittee, and the Geospatial Workforce paper and recommendations. The next Coordination Group meeting will take place on October 19, which is a Wednesday (the date was changed due to a scheduling conflict with NCPC).

An update on the issue regarding the LightSquared impact on GPS was given. A U.S. House of Representatives oversight hearing was held on September 7, and a letter was sent to FCC from the Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Executive Committee. They noted that they are committed to working with LightSquared to develop a joint testing plan. More background information on the issue is available at: <http://www.pnt.gov/interference/lightsquared/>

A new Co-Chair for the FGDC Coordination Group was announced. The nominations closed on September 9, and one nomination was submitted. Wendy Blake-Coleman (EPA) will take the place of Randy Fusaro (Census) as the new CG Co-Chair this year. Randy was thanked for her service in this role and presented with a small token of thanks from the FGDC.

The FGDC Metadata Summit will take place on Thursday, October 27 (all day) at USGS headquarters in Reston, VA. This is a one-day meeting intended to bring NSDI stakeholders up-to-date on International Organization for Standardization (ISO) metadata, to identify challenges, and to set a course for implementation. Pre-registration is required and registrants should contact Viv Hutchison (vhutchison@usgs.gov) or Jennifer Carlino (jcarlino@usgs.gov). Optional ISO training will be conducted the day before (October 26). The current class is full, but participants may be added to the waiting list (contact Jaci Mize at Jacqueline.Mize@noaa.gov).

An update on the NGDA themes, datasets, and theme leads was given. The Coordination Group endorsed the themes list, and the Steering Committee vote included 13 yes votes, 9 no responses, and 6 vacancies. An update on the Geospatial Line of Business (LoB) and Geospatial Platform was given as well. The FGDC received approval on the 2012 Exhibit 300 submission and completed the EVM submission. The status of each of the tasks and subtasks was briefly

reviewed. Planning for LoB and Platform in FY 2012 was discussed. The key task areas for FY2012 include: 1.) A-16 Supplemental Guidance Phase I Implementation; 2.) Support GeoPlatform Implementation; and, 3.) Implement Outreach and Communications Strategy. These task areas will be discussed further in the afternoon session of today's meeting.

The NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) was also discussed. Information for the program is available at: <http://www.fgdc.gov/grants>. The program is expected to open for proposal submissions in late October 2011. The GSDI Small Grants program was discussed as well. Information about this program, which is sponsored by the FGDC and URISA GISCorps is available at: <http://www.gsdi.org/sic1>. The closing date for proposal submissions is October 31.

The 2011 FGDC Annual Report is being developed. The theme is the National Broadband Map, and the second draft of the main body is currently in work. Appendices are in layout design. The CG will receive a draft copy of the Annual Report for review toward the end of September. There will be a two-week turnaround on comments. The published report is expected to be available in December 2011.

A brief update on FGDC Standards Activities was given. CG members are asked to refer to the read-heads on the INCITS-L1 and OGC Standards Activities. It was noted that the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is seeking reviewers for the Shoreline Data Content Standard, and interested persons may contact Doug Graham at doug.graham@noaa.gov or 301-713-2675 (x 170). A GWG polling session was held on September 15. The FGDC released the change request package to the CG, SWG, FGDC GWG Task Team, and GWG Focus Group members for review and recommendation to CG for approval. A telecom was held on August 25, and it was decided that the FGDC should abstain on the change requests, as there is too little time and subject matter expertise availability to review and make a recommendation.

Executive Committee Liaison Update – Jim Kwolek, NGA

[Presentation]

Jim Kwolek (NGA) provided the Coordination Group members with a briefing on the recent activities of the FGDC Executive Committee (ExCom). Since the ExCom did not meet in August, Jim gave an overview of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's (NGA) vision – similar to a briefing he gave to the ExCom in July. NGA hopes to provide online, on-demand access to GEOINT knowledge and to create new value by broadening and deepening its analytic expertise. They are working towards “putting the power of GEOINT in your hands.” The contrasts between the status quo at NGA and its future vision were outlined. Currently, they are focused on an organizationally-driven framework, using traditional sources, performing target-based analysis, and developing single-purpose GEOINT. In the future, NGA is working towards putting together integrated workgroups, using non-traditional sources, performing mission-driven and activity-based analysis, and developing multi-purpose GEOINT. NGA will also move in the direction of using rigorous, vetted methods, as well as develop spatial, temporal, and correlated GEOINT (in contrast to the current text-based GEOINT reporting). Another important difference between the current model and the future vision is for GEOINT to go from a full-service model to a three-tiered self, assisted, and full-service model. The service delivery model consists of three components: powerful self-service (online), proactive assisted service (both online and face-to-face), and responsive full service (expert services that may

include embedded support). Furthermore, where the current form of GEOINT serves customers, the future of GEOINT is contributor-focused. The new model is centered on exposing data, content, and expertise, with dynamic access to standards-driven content, virtual tools, and visible experts.

NGA's strategic initiatives were discussed. There are three activity-based focus areas. Other initiatives include: online GEOINT services; an open information technology environment; GEOINT data architecture and management; agile acquisition, and leader development.

The impacts of the definition of precise geolocation information to DoD and IC missions were also discussed. For instance, defining this term has impacts on tracking aspects, law enforcement aspects, harmonizing with Civil Liberties Protection Officers (CLPOs) for Privacy and Geolocation Privacy, and addressing the issue of protecting personally identifiable information (PII) with geolocational aspects. Moreover, there are impacts to commercial partners, who provide imagery, mapping, photogrammetry, GPS, mobile device apps, etc.

Additionally, Jim briefly discussed NGA's perspective on the spectrum issue. He noted that NGA relays comments on spectrum issues via the Military Electronics Communications Board (MCEB) and the Intelligence Community Spectrum Board (ICSB). Inputs usually "roll up" as part of a larger DoD or intelligence community input. Current hot topics in this sphere include LightSquared's testing for GPS interference, as well as the impact of a certain piece of the spectrum being sold.

Jim opened up the discussion to questions or comments from the CG members.

Geodetic Control Subcommittee Report – Ronnie Taylor, NOAA

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Ronnie Taylor (NOAA) gave an update on the recent activities of the Geodetic Control Subcommittee. Ronnie is filling in for Juliana Blackwell, who chairs the subcommittee, but was unable to attend today's Coordination Group meeting. The Geodetic Control Subcommittee coordinates geodetic data-related activities among 22 Federal and non-Federal agencies and reports its activities to the FGDC.

The most recent meeting of the subcommittee was on July 11, 2011. Some of the topics the group discussed at this meeting include: a new geometric datum; a new geopotential datum; NAD 83 (2011) adjustment/multi-year CORS solution; the Positional and Navigational Technology (PNT) group's involvement in testing interference to GPS from LightSquared's terrestrial network; the activities of the Vertical Reference System Work Group; and Real-Time Networks/data streaming from CORS. The July 11 meeting's outcomes included: a desire for more interdepartmental pilot projects to prepare for datums of the future; the conclusion that more discussion about data streaming is needed; and that a Geospatial Summit will be held in July 2012 in San Diego, CA.

The recent developments and projects of the Geodetic Control Subcommittee were outlined, including the geometric datum and the geopotential datum (which includes the GRAV-D update and the TX geoid slope validation survey update; they anticipate doing at least two more slope

validation studies in the near future, possibly at least one in mountainous areas). Additionally, the FGCS has endorsed the User Guidelines for Single Base Real-Time GNSS Positioning (available at the following link:

http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/PUBS_LIB/NGSRealTimeUserGuidelines.v2.1.pdf).

The next meeting of the Geodetic Control Subcommittee is planned for January 10, 2012 in Silver Spring, MD. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the next meeting include an update on the datums of the future and continued discussion on how to prepare, as well as further discussion on data streaming from CORS. In the coming months, the subcommittee plans to identify products and services in Federal agencies that will be impacted by new vertical datums. They also plan to update existing guidelines, standards, and specifications to support the transition to new vertical datums. Furthermore, the subcommittee will continue to prepare for the new geometric and geopotential datums, which will be discussed at the aforementioned July 2012 Geospatial Summit. Finally, the subcommittee hopes to identify common objectives and to find opportunities for cooperative projects related to standardization and updates to vertical datums. Anyone with questions on the subcommittee's activities is encouraged to contact the Chair, Juliana Blackwell (juliana.blackwell@noaa.gov).

Address Survey Results – Randy Fusaro, Census

[\[Presentation\]](#)

Randy Fusaro (Census) summarized the results of the Coordination Group's Questionnaire on Agency Use of Address Data Files. This Questionnaire was conducted because many Federal agencies need the same common services and data related to addresses, associated latitude/longitude coordinates, building footprint/location, geocoding, and CASS certification. The aim of the Questionnaire is to establish a national dialogue in order to make the case for a national address database.

The results of the Questionnaire were discussed, question by question. 40 responses were received, from 17 different agencies. The level of address data collection and the ways in which this data is used in each agency was described. Overall, some of the problems that agencies have encountered while trying to acquire and/or maintain address information include that: latitude/longitude is not always accurate; there is a lack of complete public national address dataset associated with accurate public road and street dataset, structure (building) dataset, and parcel dataset; sharing address information is prohibited, and this limits the benefits other agencies and organizations can gain by partnering; updates for city postal information (state, city, zip) and the corresponding place level geography is difficult to maintain and update references; and many assets are located in places which do not lend themselves to addressing (e.g., remote locations, not on a developed road).

The slides showing the full results of the Questionnaire are currently posted in the 09-20-2011 Meeting folder on myUSGS.

ACTION: The Coordination Group will develop a white paper on recommendations regarding address data based on the results of the Questionnaire on Agency Use of Address Data files. CG members are asked to contact Randy Fusaro with input on this topic.

Update on USAID’s Geospatial Center – Carrie Stokes, USAID

Carrie Stokes (USAID) reported to the Coordination Group on USAID’s new Geospatial Center (GeoCenter). She explained that USAID is the foreign assistance arm of the government. USAID works in about 100 countries around the world, and invests in multiple sectors (environment, health, etc.) to help develop other economies. The USAID GeoCenter has not officially launched yet. They anticipate having a formal launch in November at the USAID Mission Directors’ meeting.

Why is USAID investing in a GeoCenter? To coordinate disparate Agency geospatial investments; to leverage inter-agency, international, and other donor geospatial investments; and to improve program planning, evaluation, reporting, and communication: infuse “spatial thinking” into all that USAID does. This effort will help leverage agency investments that have already been made, which will assist USAID in its money-saving efforts. Other reasons for investing in a GeoCenter include: to respond to demand (more than 35 Missions and Washington offices have requested geospatial assistance); and to support Administrator’s commitment to embrace science and technology for development.

The GeoCenter will: perform spatial analysis, maintain Geo-MIS (Geospatially-Enabled Management Integrated System)/MPMS (Mission Portfolio Management System); provide geo-visualization; perform staff capacity building/training; setting agency geospatial policy and standards; collaboration with the USAID CIO office; collaborating and leveraging existing agency geospatial efforts; and collaborating and leveraging interagency and international efforts.

Spatial analysis will allow USAID to answer questions related to their Mission areas, e.g., what areas are most vulnerable to climate change impacts? Where do Muslim girls live in relation to primary schools? How many hours a day do women spend gathering potable water? Are the highest HIV/AIDS rates along major travel corridors? Answering these questions will allow USAID to address important problems in developing countries. Furthermore, the Mission Portfolio Management System will allow them to map who is doing what and where. It will allow USAID to generate reports that answer ad hoc questions and address regular Mission reporting requirements. The GeoCenter will also allow USAID to produce customized maps.

The discussion was opened up to questions from CG members. Carrie responded to a question regarding the availability of the data model for the portfolio management system. The data model is still being developed, and a pilot example should be available by the end of the year and will be shared with FGDC then.

Action Item Review and Next Meeting Agenda – Arista Maher, FGDC; Randy Fusaro, Census

Some of the topics suggested for the upcoming CG meeting include: data themes (specifically the theme leadership issues), and an address data follow-up.

Adjourn

***** FED ONLY SESSION BEGINS *****