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<p>GEOSPATIAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>DECISION: The NGAC adopted the Geospatial Workforce Development paper, including recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM education programs • Geospatial Competency Model • Standard Occupational Classification Codes/Occupational Series Classifications 	<p>Status Report: FGDC provided the Workforce Development paper to the FGDC Steering Committee, Executive Committee, and Coordination Group. FGDC Chair Anne Castle has also transmitted the NGAC recommendations on STEM education to the Administration’s STEM Committee. NGAC Workforce Subcommittee Chair Dave DiSera provided a briefing on the paper to the FGDC Coordination Group in March 2012. The FGDC is exploring the establishment of a workforce task group to focus on workforce issues and the NGAC recommendations.</p>

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<p>GEOSPATIAL PLATFORM</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC strongly recommends that the FGDC Steering Committee immediately take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize the business plan and shared investment strategy for the Geospatial Platform as a part of the FY 2013 budget cycle. • Designate the managing partner organization with appropriate authorities and responsibilities to implement the Geospatial Platform. 	<p>Status Report: FGDC provided the NGAC recommendation on the Geospatial Platform to the FGDC Steering Committee, Executive Committee, and Coordination Group. FGDC has subsequently a business plan and shared investment strategy for the Geospatial Platform. The recommendations and feedback provided by the NGAC has been instrumental in developing these products. The FGDC Executive Committee has also developed recommendations on the designation of the managing partner for the Platform.</p>

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<p>LIGHTSQUARED/GPS INTERFERENCE ISSUE</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC shares the serious concerns expressed by the Department of the Interior, other Federal agencies, and many geospatial organizations regarding the adverse impacts that the proposed LightSquared network would have on our Nation’s Global Positioning System (GPS). The NGAC concurs with the comments submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) by Deputy Secretary David Hayes on August 8, 2011 about these impacts, and encourages Interior and other agencies to work with NTIA and FCC to ensure that the LightSquared proposal does not result in adverse impacts to GPS.</p>	<p>Status Report: FGDC provided the NGAC recommendation to senior management at Interior. Interior has joined with partner agencies in expressing strong concerns about impacts to the GPS system from the LightSquared proposal.</p>
<p>NGAC TRIBAL SUBCOMMITTEE</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC encourages DOI to develop a Tribal Land Records Management System in collaboration with Tribes to assist in the implementation of the settlement of the Cobell lawsuit.</p>	<p>Status Report: DOI transmitted the NGAC recommendation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in November 2011. BIA indicated that the Trust Asset and Accounting Management System (TAAMS) addresses many land records requirements. FGDC will arrange follow-up meeting.</p>

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<p>TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NATION</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC commends the U.S. Department of Transportation (US-DOT) for developing the new Transportation for the Nation (TFTN) Strategic Plan through the engagement of the stakeholder community. The NGAC encourages US-DOT to develop a business plan as the next step in the development of TFTN.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC recommendation on Transportation for the Nation (TFTN) was transmitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) by FGDC Chair Anne Castle. A response from DOT has been requested. The Geospatial Information Officer from DOT has provided presentations on TFTN to the NGAC during the September 2010 and June 2011 NGAC meetings. The NGAC has designated a Point of Contact (POC) to monitor the TFTN initiative. The FGDC will continue to keep the NGAC apprised of progress as TFTN is further developed.</p>
<p>FAA/LIDAR ISSUE</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC recommends that the FGDC work collaboratively with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to avoid adverse impacts to the geospatial community in the implementation of potential FAA statutory or regulatory language banning the use of laser pointers aimed at aircraft. The members of the NGAC are concerned that the potential new language may result in adverse impacts to data collections using LiDAR (Light Detecting And Ranging) and similar technologies. The NGAC is concerned that the broad nature of the laser pointer language could cause unintended consequences to LiDAR collection activities, resulting in impacts to government programs, industry, and the public. The NGAC is willing to provide recommendations to the FGDC and FAA, as needed, to help provide the perspective of the geospatial community on this issue.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC recommendation on potential Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) laser pointer rules is being transmitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) by FGDC Chair Anne Castle. A response from DOT has been requested. DOI/FGDC staff will meet with appropriate officials from the FAA to discuss the concerns of the geospatial community about this issue and to determine next steps. The FGDC will report back to the NGAC on the status of this issue.</p>

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<p>NATIONAL LAND IMAGING PROGRAM – LANDSAT</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC strongly supports the establishment of the National Land Imaging Program as described in the Administration’s FY 2012 budget proposal and we encourage the Department of the Interior to implement the program as soon as possible. NGAC looks forward to providing advice to the Department on the development and implementation of the program. This recommendation is made in the context of a more comprehensive multi-agency, multi-resolution, multi-sensor imagery program for the nation.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC passed a resolution during the March 2011 NGAC meeting supporting the National Land Imaging Program (NLIP) funding proposal, which is included in the Administration’s FY 2012 budget. The recommendation was adopted following a presentation by FGDC Chair Anne Castle at the March 2011 NGAC meeting. Assistant Secretary Castle reported back to the NGAC at the June 2011 NGAC meeting that the Department appreciated the NGAC’s action and that the recommendation has been very helpful in demonstrating the support of the geospatial community for this proposal. The NGAC has designated a Point of Contact (POC) to monitor the NLIP/ Landsat. The FGDC will keep the NGAC apprised of the status of this issue.</p>

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<p>THE NATIONAL MAP</p> <p>Recommendation: A key component of the geospatial platform must be an integrated set of foundational data layers for the nation. The National Map (TNM) represents the primary existing effort to provide this service. TNM should focus on providing this foundational data, across a wide range of scales, as its primary purpose, in partnership with an array of data providers in accordance with A-16. The foundational layers should align with the FGDC Framework, with the addition of geographic names.</p> <p>Parcels should be incorporated as one of TNM’s base data layers. A lead agency or agencies should be identified as federal integrator(s) of parcel data.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC National Map Subcommittee developed this recommendation following a series of meetings with the leadership of the USGS National Geospatial Program (NGP). The recommendation addressed the relationship between The National Map (TNM) and the proposed Geospatial Platform initiative. The draft recommendation was presented to the NGAC during the September 2010 NGAC meeting. Following the September meeting, the NGAC asked USGS to provide any comments on the draft recommendation before final NGAC consideration. USGS Director Marcia McNutt responded to the NGAC Chair in December 2010. Director McNutt’s response noted that USGS appreciated the opportunity to comment but felt that a response would be premature since the final Modernization Roadmap for the Geospatial Platform had not yet been completed. The NGAC reviewed and adopted the TNM recommendation at the December 2010 NGAC meeting. NGP Director Mark DeMulder addressed the NGAC during the June 2011 NGAC meeting and provided a status report on NGP and TNM. Mr. DeMulder indicated that he agreed in principle with the recommendation that TNM data should be utilized as base foundational data for the Geospatial Platform. FGDC and NGP will continue to collaborate with NGAC on the Geospatial Platform as it is developed.</p>
<p>FTC PRIVACY REPORT – GEOLOCATION PRIVACY</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC recommends that the FGDC work collaboratively with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to seek clarification of language addressing geolocation in the FTC Staff Report, “Protecting Consumer Privacy in an Era of Rapid Change.” The members of the NGAC are concerned about the imprecise use of the term “precise geolocation data” in the report. The lack of definition and clarity in the language could cause significant unintended consequences to the geospatial field, resulting in impacts to consumers, government programs, and industry. The NGAC is willing to work with FGDC and FTC, as needed, to help provide the perspective of the geospatial community to this issue.</p>	<p>Status Report: Following adoption of the NGAC’s December 2010 recommendation on geolocation privacy, the FGDC submitted comments on the draft Federal Trade Committee (FTC) staff report, “Protecting Consumer Privacy in an Era of Rapid Change.” The FGDC comments transmitted the NGAC recommendation to FTC. FGDC also met with FTC staff and organized a stakeholder meeting to discuss the concerns of the geospatial community about possible rules related to “precise geolocation information.” The stakeholder meeting, which was held in April 2011, included FTC staff, members of the FGDC Executive Committee, and representatives from the NGAC and the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO). The NGAC has designated a Point of Contact to monitor the geolocation privacy issue, and the FGDC will continue to keep the NGAC apprised of developments on this issue.</p>

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<p>GEOSPATIAL PLATFORM</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC recommends the establishment of an Intergovernmental Subcommittee of the NGAC as the interim intergovernmental coordination body for the development of the Geospatial Platform.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC made this recommendation to provide a means to more effectively interact with the FGDC on the development and implementation of the Geospatial Platform initiative. The FY 2011 budget direction to agencies regarding the Geospatial Platform indicates that <i>“This (Platform) transformation will be facilitated by improving the governance framework to address the requirements of State, local and Tribal agencies, Administration policy, and agency mission objectives.”</i> In response to this recommendation, FGDC and NGAC established a new intergovernmental geospatial platform subcommittee in September 2010 to provide a focal point for collaboration on the Platform.</p>
<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT GIS BEST PRACTICES PAPER</p> <p>Action: The NGAC will provide a summary of best practices for effective utilization of geospatial tools and technology at the local government and community level.</p>	<p>Status Report: This action was based upon a request from Dr. Raphael Bostic, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Dr. Bostic addressed the NGAC at the September 2010 NGAC meeting and requested that the committee develop a brief paper identifying best practices for local government GIS programs. The NGAC developed a paper and accompanying flyer which were adopted by the committee at the December 2010 NGAC meeting. Dr. Bostic returned to meet with the NGAC during the June 2011 NGAC meeting and noted that he was very pleased with the NGAC’s final product and uses it to communicate with HUD stakeholders.</p>

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<p>OMB CIRCULAR A-16 SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE</p> <p>Recommendation: The FGDC will seek advice and recommendations from the NGAC on implementation of the new OMB Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance.</p>	<p>Status Report: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued new Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance in November 2010. The new guidance includes new processes to manage and prioritize geospatial investments through a portfolio management approach. The NGAC provided helpful input and feedback to the FGDC during the development of the Supplemental Guidance, including comments on the draft guidance that were provided at the February 2009 NGAC meeting. The FGDC is currently working with OMB and partner agencies to develop an implementation plan for the new guidance. The FGDC currently plans to conduct pilot implementation projects during the FY 2013 budget cycle. The FGDC provided status reports on the implementation process during the March 2011 and June 2011 NGAC meetings. The FGDC plans to seek additional comment and feedback from the NGAC as the implementation plan is developed and implemented.</p>

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<p>GEOSPATIAL PLATFORM</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC adopted the following resolution: “The NGAC endorses the Geospatial Platform concept as described in the Platform Roadmap and encourages the Administration, along with federal agency leadership, to adopt, support, and implement this initiative in partnership with State, local, regional and Tribal governments.”</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC has provided helpful advice and feedback to the FGDC on the development of the Geospatial Platform. The FGDC has briefed the NGAC on multiple occasions and has held very informative discussions with the committee. The NGAC approved a recommendation endorsing the Platform concept at the June 2010 NGAC meeting. The NGAC also provided extensive comments on the draft Modernization Roadmap for the Platform at the June 2010 NGAC meeting. In addition, NGAC members encouraged colleagues in the geospatial community to provide input during the public outreach process for the Platform. The NGAC has established a Geospatial Platform subcommittee to serve as a focal point for interaction with the FGDC on this issue. The FGDC will continue to coordinate with the NGAC on the development of the Geospatial Platform.</p>

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<p>ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAPER</p> <p>Decision: The NGAC adopted the Economic Recovery Subcommittee’s paper on lessons learned from the economic recovery bill.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC developed a paper documenting how the geospatial community reacted to the economic recovery process and the development and implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The paper was adopted by the NGAC at the December 2009 NGAC meeting. The paper includes lessons learned and suggestions on how the geospatial community could work more effectively together in the future when similar situations may arise. The paper was distributed within the FGDC community, and FGDC staff has utilized the information and concepts in the paper in developing new enterprise initiatives, including the Geospatial Platform and the finalization of the OMB Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance.</p>
<p>GEOSPATIAL POLICY BENEFITS PAPER</p> <p>Decision: The NGAC adopted the geospatial policy benefits paper in concept. The work team will edit and format the paper and send it to the Chair and the FGDC Executive Director for final approval.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC adopted a paper in December 2009 describing the need for and benefits of a new national geospatial policy. The paper was distributed within the FGDC community. FGDC agencies have utilized the information and concepts in the paper in developing new enterprise initiatives, including the Geospatial Platform and the final version of the OMB Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance.</p>
<p>GEOSPATIAL METRICS PAPER</p> <p>Action: The NGAC endorsed the high-level concepts in the Governance Subcommittee’s paper on NSDI metrics. The NGAC also agreed on next steps, including outreach by the Subcommittee to refine the metrics approach, and continued internal discussion within the NGAC regarding NSDI governance.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC Governance Subcommittee developed a draft paper on NSDI Metrics that was presented to the NGAC at the December 2009 NGAC meeting. The NGAC endorsed the high-level concepts in the paper. The FGDC has utilized the information and concepts in the paper in developing new enterprise initiatives, in particular the new OMB Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance.</p>

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<p>IMAGERY FOR THE NATION</p> <p>Recommendation: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee endorses the outcomes documented in the August 2009 FGDC Executive Committee Record of Decision (ROD) on Imagery for the Nation (IFTN). The NGAC strongly encourages the FGDC and the Administration to seek authorizing legislation for IFTN, develop a Fiscal Year 2011 budget initiative to support IFTN, and move aggressively to implement the IFTN program as described in the ROD.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC recommendations on Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) were very helpful to the FGDC in the development of the proposed initiative. Following the development of the draft IFTN project plan in 2009, the FGDC agreed on a Record of Decision (ROD) in August 2009 which documented interagency agreement on the high-level scope and design of the proposed initiative. The NGAC approved a resolution in August 2009 endorsing the outcomes documented in the ROD and encouraging the Administration to implement the initiative. The FGDC sponsored a Request for Information (RFI) in 2010, which was conducted by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), to gather additional information about services available from imagery providers. The FGDC reported on the results of this RFI to the NGAC at the December 2010 NGAC meeting. Also in 2010, the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), in collaboration with the National Digital Orthophoto Programs (NDOP), established a team to explore the development of a joint business case for IFTN. Given the challenging Federal budget situation, DOI and USDA have not identified new funding for this initiative. The RFI and other research have noted that the imagery marketplace has undergone significant changes during the course of the development of the IFTN initiative, which may hold the prospect of more affordable imagery acquisition costs in the future. The FGDC agencies will continue to seek cost effective means to acquire nationwide imagery and to address the objectives of the IFTN proposal. The FGDC will keep the NGAC apprised of the status of these efforts. The NGAC has designated a Point of Contact (POC) to monitor IFTN activities.</p>

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<p>ECONOMIC STIMULUS</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. Implementation</p> <p>To ensure transparency and accountability NGAC strongly recommends that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGDC agencies and OMB fully utilize geospatial technology to effectively implement and manage the enacted economic recovery legislation. • The proposed Recovery Board should develop a geospatial strategy and requirements that apply across the different components of the economic recovery legislation, including: Health IT, Broadband, Wildland Fire/Emergency Response, Alternative Energy, Global Climate Change, Transportation and Infrastructure, Conduct of the 2010 Census, and Education, Training, and Workforce Development • The Recovery Board should ensure that the Recovery.Gov website is geospatially enabled to manage and track economic recovery investments. • OMB should issue clear, enforceable guidance to agencies working on stimulus-funded activities to ensure that geospatial investments are made in a strategic and coordinated manner, consistent with the standards-based development of the NSDI, as a required component of any geospatial data or application development. The existing Geospatial Line of Business provides the operational framework from which to execute this recommendation. • Federal grants and contracts guidance language requiring reporting and documentation of geospatial data development should be completed and implemented. • As described in the NGAC Transition Recommendations, the NGAC supports investments in nationally important geospatial data, including the following priority areas: Imagery, Parcel Data, Elevation <p>2. Geospatial Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As described in the NGAC Transition Recommendations, the NGAC supports investments in nationally important geospatial data, including the following priority areas: Imagery, Parcel Data, Elevation. 	<p>Status Report:</p> <p>The NGAC adopted a resolution during the February 2009 NGAC meeting recommending a strong geospatial component in the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The FGDC transmitted these recommendations to the ARRA implementation team and to the Recovery Board. FGDC has provided technical assistance on multiple geospatial components of ARRA implementation. For example, FGDC staff worked closely with GSA, OMB, and the Recovery Board to help develop the geospatial functionality of the Recovery.gov website.</p>

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<p>GOVERNANCE/CIRCULAR A-16 SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC approved the following recommendation to the FGDC regarding Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whereas Executive Order 12906 and OMB Circular A-16 designate geospatial data themes and assign federal agency stewards for those themes; • Whereas most agencies have not been provided designated resources to meet stewardship responsibilities; • Whereas some agencies have not produced plans to accomplish stewardship responsibilities; • Whereas OMB has not been able to assemble consistent and accurate budgetary crosscuts for geospatial activities to implement stewardship responsibilities; • Whereas agencies have not been held accountable for meeting stewardship responsibilities; and • Whereas the coordination, duplication avoidance, and partnering requirements of Executive Order 12906 and OMB Circular A16 remain unsatisfied not only among Federal agencies, but also with non-Federal stakeholders: <p>Now Therefore; Be It Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the NGAC recommends that the FGDC encourages and supports the Administration in the use of geospatial data and technologies to transform government operations and provide accountability and savings across geospatial activities, by: • Reaffirming Executive Order 12906 and revising it to increase accountability; • Strengthening direct OMB enforcement of the reporting requirements in Circular A-16; • Implementing performance measures • Coordinating and working in partnership with Federal, State, Tribal, and local government agencies and the private sector, and building upon 	<p>Status Report:</p> <p>The NGAC provided extensive comments on the draft OMB Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance at the February 2009 NGAC meeting. Many of the comments and suggestions provided by the NGAC were addressed or incorporated as the document was further developed, refined, and finalized. OMB issued the new Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance in November 2010. The guidance includes processes to manage and prioritize geospatial investments through a portfolio management approach. The FGDC is currently working with OMB and partner agencies to develop an implementation plan for the new guidance. The FGDC currently plans to conduct pilot implementation projects during the FY 2013 budget cycle. The FGDC provided status reports on the implementation process during the March 2011 and June 2011 NGAC meetings. The FGDC plans to seek comment and feedback from the NGAC as the implementation plan is developed and implemented.</p>

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<p>non-Federal data wherever practical; and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly considering the role of geospatial data and technology in transforming government operations while implementing the President’s management agenda and formulating and executing the President’s Budget. 	

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<p>GEOSPATIAL TRANSITION PAPER</p> <p>Decision: The NGAC approved the recommendations in the NGAC Transition Paper.</p>	<p>Status Report: The NGAC developed a paper with recommendations on geospatial policy issues for the next Administration, which was approved by the committee in October 2008. FGDC agencies and the Administration have taken action to address many of the issues raised in the transition paper. For example, the Administration designated a new Federal Chief Information Officer (CIO) position, which includes geospatial policy oversight responsibility. In addition, OMB has issued new Supplemental Guidance to Circular A-16, which will provide a more consistent portfolio management approach to prioritizing and managing Federal geospatial investments. In addition, the Department of the Interior and the FGDC have continued to utilize the NGAC and have conducted two additional rounds of appointments to the NGAC since 2008.</p>
<p>NATIONAL LAND PARCEL DATA STUDY</p> <p>NGAC endorsed recommendations in NRC report, and identified a set of comments related to the recommendations.</p> <p>Recommendation: NGAC recommends that immediate action be taken on Recommendation #1 in the NRC report (review of authorities; designation of land parcel coordinator)</p>	<p>Status Report: At the October 2009 NGAC meeting, the NGAC endorsed the recommendations in the National Research Council’s 2007 Report, “<i>National Land Parcel Data: A Vision for the Future</i>” and made two additional, specific recommendations to the FGDC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NGAC recommended that immediate action be taken on the first recommendation in the NRC report, which included a review of authorities and the designation of national and Federal land parcel coordinators. In response to this recommendation, DOI conducted a review of legal authorities to conduct land parcel coordination activities. The review noted that while

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<p>Recommendation: NGAC recommends that FGDC, through the Cadastral Subcommittee, convene a stakeholder group to address parcel data issues related to the mortgage crisis.</p>	<p>the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had lead responsibility under OMB Circular A-16 for the Federal cadastral data theme, DOI did not have statutory authority or funding to provide national parcel coordination as described in the NRC report. The BLM has continued to provide active leadership of the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee. The Cadastral Subcommittee has provided status reports on federal land parcel activities to the NGAC during the August 2009 and the June 2011 NGAC meetings. In addition, the Geospatial Information Officer for the DOI Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs provided a report on Tribal land parcel coordination activities to the NGAC during the June 2011 NGAC meeting. The FGDC looks forward to continued engagement with the NGAC to identify creative approaches to developing consistent national-level parcel data.</p> <p>2. The NGAC also recommended that FGDC convene a stakeholder group to address parcel data issues related to the mortgage crisis. In response to this recommendation, the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee organized a stakeholder meeting in May 2009 to explore the potential uses of land parcel data for more effective management of mortgage and financial oversight programs. The meeting included over 50 participants from a variety of organizations. Following the meeting, FGDC agencies and other stakeholders worked with Federal Reserve and Congressional staff to communicate the importance of parcel data in addressing mortgage and financial issues. These efforts contributed to the inclusion of new authorities in the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to track land parcel identification data through Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) reporting.</p> <p>The NGAC has designated Points of Contact (POCs) to monitor parcel data activities.</p>

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<p>GEOSPATIAL DATA CALLS</p> <p>Recommendation: The NGAC recommends that the FGDC Staff Director establish a target date to resume the data call process to be included in the annual reporting process.</p>	<p>Status Report: The FGDC Annual Report includes status reports on the implementation of OMB Circular A-16 and A-16 framework data themes. In addition, the new Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance, which was issued in November 2010, provides a means to manage and track geospatial investments through a portfolio management approach. An implementation plan for the Supplemental Guidance is being developed by FGDC and OMB in FY 2011. FGDC plans to develop pilot implementation projects in the FY 2013 budget cycle.</p>
<p>IMAGERY FOR THE NATION</p> <p>Resolution: The NGAC approved the following resolution regarding Imagery for the Nation:</p> <p>Whereas seamless coverage orthoimagery has been demonstrated to have crosscutting utility;</p> <p>Whereas all levels of government are currently investing in orthoimagery, often without coordination or leveraging of the investment;</p> <p>Whereas the Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides financial incentives for all levels of government to cooperate in creation and • publication of public domain data • saves taxpayer money by achieving national economies of scale • sets minimal technical standards ensuring that cohesive national data is created, while • allowing buy ups so that varying state, local and regional requirements can be met • establishes a regular schedule for delivery so customers and partners can plan effectively 	<p>Status Report: The June 2008 NGAC recommendations on Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) were very helpful to the FGDC in the development of the proposed initiative. The IFTN project team reviewed the NGAC recommendations and addressed them during the process of development of the IFTN project plan. The FGDC reported back to NGAC on status of the project plan, and how the NGAC recommendations were being addressed, during several subsequent NGAC meetings. Following the development of the draft IFTN project plan in 2009, the FGDC agreed on a Record of Decision (ROD) in August 2009 which documented interagency agreement on the high-level scope and design of the proposed initiative. The NGAC approved a resolution in August 2009 endorsing the outcomes documented in the ROD and encouraging the Administration to implement the initiative. The FGDC sponsored a Request for Information (RFI) in 2010, which was conducted by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), to gather additional information about services available from imagery providers. The FGDC reported on the results of this RFI to the NGAC at the December 2010 NGAC meeting. Also in 2010, the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), in collaboration with the National Digital Orthophotography Programs (NDOP), established a team to explore the development of a joint business case for IFTN. Given the challenging Federal budget situation, DOI and USDA have not identified new funding for this initiative. The RFI and other research have noted that the imagery market has undergone significant changes during the course of the development of the IFTN initiative, which may hold the</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is the model for the development of other critical national geospatial data layers; <p>NGAC fully endorses the concept of Imagery for the Nation. However, before it is authorized and implemented, the following issues need to be resolved:</p> <p>Procurement strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including small business participation • Use of best practices models (e.g., IDIQ & QBS for procurement) • Licensing vs. ownership – public domain • Analysis of capacity and production capabilities <p>Integrated strategy for funding and implementation of NSDI data initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship between and among other geospatial data initiatives <p>Rationalization with National Land Imagery Program</p> <p>Management of IFTN within the federal government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous strategy or plan for customer-driven input • Analysis of cost avoidance or savings • ROI validation – data, methodology, frequency • Analysis of cost/benefit <p>Competition with private sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address acquisition and production issues (no IFTN funding to Federal, State or local initiatives to use “their” assets to produce IFTN products) <p>The NGAC would like to stay engaged with FGDC as the community works through these issues.</p>	<p>prospect of more affordable imagery acquisition costs in the future. The FGDC agencies will continue to seek cost effective means to acquire imagery and to address the objectives of the IFTN proposal. The FGDC will keep the NGAC apprised of the status of these efforts.</p>