

**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Coordination Group Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Location: National Capitol
Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW
Washington D.C. 20576
Room: 5th Floor, Commission
Chambers, Suite 500

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Bill Mullen, NGA</i>
9:10 – 9:15	Previous Meeting Action Item Review	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
9:15- 10:05	FGDC Business and Secretariat Report	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC</i>
10:05 – 10:20	Vote on Coastal Marine Ecological Classifications Standard	<i>Mark Finkbeiner, NOAA</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Endorsement of Non-Federally Authored Geospatial Standards Efforts	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Vegetation Subcommittee Report	<i>Ralph Crawford, FS</i>
10:45 – 11:00	National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) Subcommittee – Charter review and vote	<i>Anne O’Connor, Census</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Homeland Security and Homeland Defense Working Group (HSHDWG) – Charter review and vote	<i>Jonathan Hasse, DHS</i>
11:15– 11:45	Fifty States Initiative	<i>Rich Grady, Applied Geographics, Inc.</i>
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 1:15	Executive Committee Liaison Discussion	<i>Karen Siderelis, DOI</i>
1:15 – 2:50	Geospatial Platform	<i>Tony LaVoi, NOAA</i>
2:50 – 3:00	Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC</i>
3:00	Adjourn	

*Read-ahead Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CMECS_Overview_FGDC-CG_20100716_2.ppt 2. FGDC Business Report CG 20100720 v3.ppt 3. Fifty States Initiative - Rich Grady.ppt 4. Geo LoB Monthly Status Report June - July 2010.pdf 5. GeoLoB At a Glance 07092010.pdf 6. HSHDWG Charter Revisions - July 2010 - Jonathan Hasse.ppt 7. HSHDWG Draft Charter 07-13-10.doc 8. NDOP FGDC Subcommittee Charter July 14, 2010.doc 9. NDOP Subcommittee Charter Presentation - Anne O'Connor.ppt 10. Vegetation Subcommittee Update - Ralph Crawford.ppt 11. NonFed Geo Standards Endorsement 20100720 v2.ppt
Other Relevant documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CMECS_1-pager.pdf 2. CMECS_FAQs_20100511.pdf

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

CG Meeting Planning

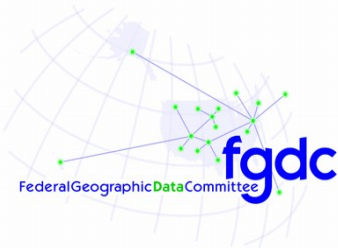
<p>Coordination Group Meetings Topics (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn - All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm EST at NCPC in D.C., unless otherwise noted
<p>August 10, 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: LoB Common Services WG (WG Chair) and LoB Grants and Contracts WG (TBD – was Lew Sanford).
<p>September 14, 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: LoB Geo-Enabled Business WG (Sharon Shin) and TBD
<p>October 12, 2010</p> <p>Reports from: Homeland Security WG (Jonathan Hasse) and Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee Report (Tony LaVoi)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>November 9, 2010</p>
<p>December 14, 2010</p>
<p>Pending Topics (date topic was identified)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the NSDI (20090602-02). • Define/recommend how programs, like <i>The National Map</i> and the National Atlas, are identified, included, tracked, and involved in the CG efforts. (20090602-05). • The National Map as an FGDC Work Group.



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ACTION ITEMS
Through June 8, 2010**

Pending		
Lead:	Department of Homeland Security	Action #: 20091013-03
Action:	The Homeland Security Work Group will meet to revise the WG charter and report back to the CG for consensus and approval.	
Contact:	DHS, Jeff Booth and Jon Hasse, jeffrey.booth@dhs.gov, jonathan.hassee@dhs.gov	
Resolution/Response:	CG vote on revised WG charter scheduled for 7/20/10 meeting.	
Pending		
Lead:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC	Action#: 20100112-04
Action:	The Secretariat will follow up with OMB to see if the place-based policy proposals can be released for review by the CG, either before or after their evaluation, to determine the types of projects the Federal agencies proposed and see if there is a way to leverage some of these in the future.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Coordination Group members are asked to contact their budget offices for guidance.	
Pending		
Lead:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC	Action#: 20100511-03
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will put together a written proposal regarding the Document Adjudication Team and will send it out for concurrence by the CG..	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Complete		
Lead:	Ken Shaffer, FGDC	Action#: 20100511-04
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will evaluate which documents related to the A-16 Supplemental Guidance review are on the myUSGS site, and supplement additional documents as necessary.	
Contact:	Ken Shaffer, FGDC, kmschaffer@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	The A-16 Supplemental and supporting reference documents have been finalized, approved by SC vote and forwarded to OMB.	

ID (yyyymmdd-#)	Decision/Description
	Decisions provide a position/foundation on which actions are taken.
20100511-01	A Document Adjudication Team will be formed. A written proposal will be put together for the concurrence of the Coordination Group.



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MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2010**

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
	Ivan DeLoatch – Chair	FGDC	x	Christina Lett	DOI
x	Bill Mullen – Co-Chair	DoD		Pheakdey Lim	VA
x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC		Jonathan Mann	GSA
	Brett Abrams	NARA		Scott McAfee	FEMA
	Rani Balasubramanyam	DOJ		Ray Milefsky	State
	Deidre Bishop	Census		John Merrill	DHS
x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA	x	David Morehouse	DoE
x	Jeff Booth	DHS	x	Jacque Nolan	LoC
	Mark Bradford	DOT	x	Anne O'Connor	DoC
x	Colleen Cahill	LoC		Tai Phan	DoE
	Trisha Christian	SBA	x	Robert Pierce	DOI
x	Sandra Downie	GSA		Stu Reiter	NRC
x	Randy Fusaro	DoC		Daniel Sandhaus	DOI
x	Shirley Hall	USDA		Antoinette Sebastian	HUD
x	Jonathan Hasse	DHS		Charles Smart	TVA
	William Henriques	DHS	x	Jon Sperling	HUD
	Edward Hulger	DoL	x	David Timmons	SSA
x	Carol Giffin	USGS		Dat Tran	VA
	David LaBranche	DoD		Adrienne Walker	OMB
	Tony LaVoi	DoC			
	Other Attendees	Organization		Attendee	Organization
	Charlie Adler	FAA		Mark Lemon	GT
	Cliff Allison	NAVTEQ		Lynda Liptrap	Census
	Jeanette Archetto	GT		Stephen Lowe	USDA
	Anne Ball	NOAA		Sherry Loy	Global Marketing Insights, Inc.
	Juliana Blackwell	NGS		Vicki Lukas	USGS
	Nancy Blyler	USACE	x	Arista Maher	FGDC
	Nancy Borellos	Pictometry	x	John Mahoney	FGDC
	Don Buhler	BLM	x	Julie Binder Maitra	FGDC
	Bill Burgess	NSGIC		Karen Matheson	USGS
	Kathleen Callister	NASA		Alan Mikuni	CaGIS
x	Don Campbell	FCC		Charles Mondello	Pictometry
x	Marisa Capriotti	USDA		Zsolt Nagy	AECOM
	Mike Cooley	USGS	x	Doug Nebert	FGDC

	Kevin Corbley	Corbley Communications		Wendy Nelson	URISA
	Ed Crane	IAAO		Catherine Nolan	GT
x	Ralph Crawford	USFS		John Palatiello	MAPPS
	Pat Cummens	ESRI		Jean Parcher	USGS
	Tod Dabolt	EPA		Rick Pearsall	NGA
	Lisa Daniels	IAAO		Lorri Peltz-Lewis	FS
	Najia DiPiro	DOI		Bob Pierce	USGS
	George Deryckere	GSA		Jim Plasker	ASPRS
	David DiSera	EMA, Inc.		Alexandra Prokhorova	GT
	Rob Dollison	USGS		Milo Robinson	FGDC
	Kelly Downs	LizardTech		Jim Rolfes	DOI
	Lee Fahrner	NSGIC		Adena Schutzberg	Directions Media
	Sherry Farrell			Steve Schwartz	MMS
x	Mitchell Fiedler	DISDI	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC
	Autumn Foard	GSA		Renee Shields	NOAA
	Michelle Gallinger	LoC	x	Sharon Shin	FGDC
	Hank Garie	GT		Karen Siderelis	DOI
	Tricia Gibbons	LEAD Alliance		Terry Slocum	UKansas
	Dan Good	USDA		Cy Smith	URISA
x	Rich Grady	Applied Geographics		Dave Soller	USGS
	Sarah Hammer	GT		Justin Steckervetz	EPA
	John Hanes	USGS		Larry Sugarbaker	USGS
	Travis Hardy			Curt Sumner	ACSM
	Charles Hickman	USGS	x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC
	Marten Hogeweg		x	Doug Vandegraft	MMS
	David Hoy	USFWS		Martha McCart Wells	URISA
	Alex Hume	GT		Bill Wilen	FWS
	Bert Jarreau	NACo		Kent Williams	USDA
	Jerry Johnston	EPA	x	Linda Zellmer	WestIllU
	Elizabeth Kanalley	USFS		Lin Zhang	DOI
	Kevin Kirby	EPA	x	Mike Horan	DISDI
	Jenee Kresge	NARC	x	Sean Killen	USFWS
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC	x	Mark Finkbeiner	NOAA
	Garth Lawrence	Intermap Technologies	x	Joe Gregson	

1) [CG Members in blue text](#) 2) Check box for meeting attendance.

Welcome and Introductions – Bill Mullen, NGA

Bill Mullen noted that he is acting as Chair of this meeting in Ivan DeLoatch’s absence. Coordination Group Members were welcomed to the meeting, and were asked to introduce themselves.

Previous Meeting Action Item Review – Arista Maher, FGDC

Action items were read out to the Coordination Group.

FGDC Business and Secretariat Report – Ken Shaffer, FGDC
[\[Presentation PDF\]](#)

The monthly decisions summary was presented to the CG, including highlights on the establishment of a document adjudication process by the CG and the push of the GeoPlatform website through Executive Committee, as well as support of the Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA). The CG Action and Response items were reviewed, including today's votes on the National Digital Orthoimagery Program Subcommittee (NDOPSC) and Homeland Security Homeland Defense Work Group (HSHDWG) charters.

The A-16 Supplemental Guidance was endorsed by the Steering Committee. There were 21 yes votes, 0 no votes, 4 no responses, and 3 vacancies. It was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for endorsement on July 6, 2010. OMB asked the FGDC Secretariat do a presentation for them on the A-16 Supplemental Guidance, specifically focusing on the process used to endorse the document.

The Geospatial Line of Business (LoB) status was discussed. Much of the efforts surrounding the Line of Business have been redirected toward the Geospatial Platform's development; the LoB's key deliverables are now aligned under the Geospatial Platform's pillars. Many of the Geo LoB efforts are foundational to the Platform implementation. The next steps are supporting the implementation of the Roadmap through the end of time box 1 (September 30, 2010).

The second National Geospatial Forum is on hold until the next steps for communicating the Geospatial Platform are determined and the Roadmap document can be released, pending OMB's direction.

There is a request out on the FY 2011 Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) for ideas and input on the categories. Categories related to the Geospatial Platform are of particular interest. CG members are asked to provide their input to Gita Urban-Mathieux (burbanma@fgdc.gov).

The FGDC FY 2010 Annual Report is currently in development. There is a request for content from CG members; please send submissions to Gita Urban-Mathieux (burbanma@fgdc.gov) by Friday, July 30.

There was an update on FGDC standards, including the Federal Buildings and Facilities Geospatial Content Standard (working draft in development), the National Wetland Classification Standard (working draft in development), the U.S. Thoroughfare, Landmark, and Postal Address Data Standard (comments and public review are being resolved after the closing of the 90-day public review on June 16), the Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CG will discuss public release at today's meeting), and the Shoreline Data Content Standard (endorsement vote deferred). Updates on the activities of the Geospatial Intelligence Standards Work Group (GWG), the INCITS Technical Committee L1, and the ISO Technical

Committee 211 were also given. Finally, the FGDC endorsement of Non-Federally Authored Geospatial Standards will be discussed at today's meeting.

ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat will develop a more formal mechanism for communicating standards status to higher-level bodies, including Steering Committee and Executive Committee, with special attention to how it ties into the Geospatial Platform.

Recently, the Executive Committee (ExCom) has been focusing their attention on the Modernization Roadmap for the Geospatial Platform. The Roadmap document is on version 3 and was submitted to both the Department of the Interior (DOI) and OMB ExCom members. ExCom members have pushed the stand-up for the Geoplatform.gov website. The Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) RFI has also been released and is available via FedBizOpps.

The most recent National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) meeting was held on June 22-23, 2010 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. The NGAC passed a resolution supporting the Geospatial Platform concept. The next meeting will be on September 22-23, 2010 in Washington, DC, and some of the potential agenda topics will include the Geospatial Platform follow-up, place-based policies, NSDI metrics, NGAC subcommittee reports, and the demonstration of a National Broadband Map.

There has been a call for nominations for the NGAC 2011 appointments, as half of the appointments will expire in 2011. Nominations are due on August 24, 2010. The next appointments will take effect in January 2011. Members are encouraged to spread the word about the call for nominations to various communities of interest.

The next CG meeting will take place on August 10, 2010. During that meeting, the scheduled work group/subcommittee updates will be aligned with Geospatial Platform efforts. There will also be a presentation on the NBII Global Wildlife Disease News Map. A discussion on other possible topics for the next meeting will be held at the end of this meeting.

An overview of this meeting's agenda was given.

Vote on Coastal Marine Ecological Classifications Standard (CMECS) – Mark Finkbeiner, NOAA

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The Chair asked members to bring up any questions on the read-aheads for the CMECS discussion and vote. None were raised.

Mark Finkbeiner (NOAA) made a presentation on the CMECS standard. Some of the key aspects of CMECS – the ecological drivers relevant to the distribution of plants and animals in the environment – provides framework for organizing ecological relationships. They are building on existing nomenclature in the standard wherever possible—it includes geology, chemistry, physics, and biology in a single structure. They are doing their best to integrate with

existing FGDC standards. The intent is to provide a large framework, which still allows for the collection of data at the local scale.

The domain illustrates an area where very few standards have been applied. This is where the spatial overlap between CMECS and other existing standards are applied: landward to tidal splash zone of coasts, intertidal euhaline and brackish wetlands, and the deep waters of the Great Lakes, etc.

CMECS is not a flat, strictly dichotomous, hierarchical structure. Rather, it takes five elements as individual components of CMECS; it is very difficult to put classifications into a single structure, so they had to be split out. The 5 components of CMECS are: the Water Column Component; the Benthic Biotic Component; the Surface Geology Component; the Sub-Benthic Component; and the Geoform Component.

Some of the applications of CMECS include: regional and national resource inventory and assessment, essential fish habitat/critical habitat delineation, conservation and restoration planning, ecosystem services management, and facilitating data sharing. Mainly, CMECS will serve to support conservation efforts, and through the use of standardized glossaries and vocabularies, CMECS will facilitate standardization across the community. CMECS is applicable at various scales, including local, regional, and continental. Its visualization will allow for multi-dimensional maps in GIS. It will also integrate with global systems, including EUNIS and BioMar.

CMECS is related to some of the existing FGDC standards, including the National Wetland Standard, the National Vegetation Classification, the Soils Geographic Data Standard, and the Shoreline Metadata Standard.

CMECS has been in development for a very long time. Over the last 16 months, the core group of individuals working on CMECS has been expanded to include a large network of coastal resource managers and anticipated users. The approach has been to reach out to as many stakeholders as possible to increase the range of expertise and allow the process to be smoother. A work group was formed to continue to refine CMECS prior to public review. The work group includes members from many federal agencies that would be affected (EPA, USGS, NPS, Army Corps, DoD, NOAA, and USDA), state agencies (coastal zone programs, fish and wildlife agencies, etc.), and academia (University of Miami, VIMS, URI, University of Southern Mississippi). Rick Pearsall (NGA) noted that the CMECS document will be circulated around NGA and its partners.

Pending approval by the CG, the hope is that this standard is released to the public by August 16. Proposed is a 120 days for public review, closing on December 16, 2010. Seminars and other outreach are anticipated during this time.

There was a motion to endorse the release of the CMECS standard for a 120-day public review. The motion was seconded. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by a unanimous vote.

DECISION: The Coordination Group endorsed the release of the CMECS standard for a 120-day public review.

Endorsement of Non-Federally Authored Geospatial Standards Efforts – Ken Shaffer, FGDC

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The Steering Committee established a policy on the recognition of non-federally authored geospatial standards in November 2005. NGA requested that FGDC endorse DISA-approved standards; this list has been expanded to 65 voluntary consensus, de facto, and other standards. This endorsement process is not focusing on the content of the standards, but rather, their suitability for endorsement by the FGDC.

The standards on the list are predominantly OGC standards and American National Standards, including ISO standards that are adopted or will be adopted. The process is that the CG members will have their agencies review the list of standards that are up for endorsement. There was a spreadsheet that was sent out for agencies to either endorse, defer endorsement, do not endorse, or mark as not applicable. Members should provide detailed reasons for deferred or not endorsed standards. That information should be sent back to the Secretariat by August 11.

ACTION: CG members should review the list of non-federally authored standards, identify any non-endorsements or deferments that they have, and send in their agencies' recommendations on the provided spreadsheet to Julie Maitra (jmaitra@fgdc.gov) by August 11.

Vegetation Subcommittee Report – Ralph Crawford, FS

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Ralph Crawford gave an update on the Vegetation Subcommittee's recent activities. The Vegetation Subcommittee includes membership from both federal and non-federal members. There are monthly conference calls and one annual face-to-face meeting. There was an implementation plan developed for National Vegetation Classification (NVC) – in relation to this, we have hired an interim program manager, and have conducted a software needs analysis. A proposed data flow for US-NVC was shown to the CG. The proposed tools to support the NVC include: source data, proposals, proceedings, NVC maintenance database, NVC public database, other resources, and finally, culminating in an NVC website.

There have been conversations with leadership at USGS and USFS to hybridize existing components and redesign the classification system, as necessary. This will facilitate long-term data storage and maintenance without costs to various agencies.

National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) Subcommittee – Charter Review and Vote – Anne O’Connor, Census
[\[Presentation PDF\]](#)

The Chair asked members to bring up any questions on the read-aheads for the National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) Subcommittee discussion and vote. None were raised.

Anne O’Connor (Census) gave a presentation on the NDOP Subcommittee Charter. She stated that the purpose of the NDOP Subcommittee is that it is “responsible for developing, promoting, and executing a national strategy for acquisition or development of orthoimagery data for Federal agencies while creating and utilizing partnerships with state, local, tribal, and private organizations.” The Chair for the Subcommittee changes each year.

The scope of NDOP is about creating partnerships with Federal, state, and local governments, as well as with tribal and private organizations; leveraging consortium resources to satisfy multiple requirements and to minimize redundancy in data production; to assure availability of and public access to digital orthoimagery and metadata; to investigate, evaluate, promote, and implement new technologies to improve orthoimagery accuracy, data acquisition, processing, and access, maintenance strategies, and derivative products; to perform cost-benefit studies and government cost estimates to ensure the government and its partners obtain the most cost-efficient orthoimagery products possible; and to support coordination and standards goals.

The objectives are to have orthoimagery coverage for all 50 states, including Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories and possessions. They are also working to ensure that there is a national strategy for orthoimagery access and acquisition, and that there is an annual maintenance plan that graphically depicts on-going and planned activities. Another of the Subcommittee’s objectives is to ensure that there are variable maintenance cycles that support Federal requirements, and that they are coordinated with state programs. When possible, the Subcommittee works to encourage the use of open-source, non-proprietary formats and imagery types. They also aim to streamline the maintenance and archiving of imagery as part of the national database/public domain. Furthermore, they aim for the integration of orthoimagery data into seamless orthoimagery databases of variable resolution, and they work on the investigation of the accessibility, accuracy, integration and application of data collection from emerging technologies. Another objective is coordination of federal and state agency imagery requirements and agreements. Additionally, they work to raise awareness of Federal and state emergency operations requirements to assure data processing and distribution capabilities to facilitate data use in times of emergency.

The subgroups established within the NDOP subcommittee include: the program management subgroup, the technical management subgroup, and the acquisition management subgroup. Each of these has a specific area of focus in order to better streamline the group’s activities.

The current subcommittee chair is Erik Hund (erik.hund@noaa.gov). Any comments on the Subcommittee or its activities can be sent to Erik, or to Anne O’Connor (anne.v.o.connor@census.gov).

The subcommittee charter was put to a vote. The subcommittee charter was approved unanimously.

DECISION: The National Digital Orthoimagery Program Subcommittee Charter was approved by the Coordination Group.

ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat should look at restructuring agenda scheduling in the future to allow for deeper discussion on more important topics.

Homeland Security and Homeland Defense Working Group (HSHDWG) – Charter Review and Vote – Jonathan Hasse, DHS

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Jonathan Hasse (DHS) presented on the changes to the Homeland Security Homeland Defense Work Group (HSHDWG) Charter.

Some of the changes to the purpose include updating it to reflect the missions of Law Enforcement, Homeland Defense, and Homeland Security communities in securing the homeland. Another change was removing the requirement for a “bridge” between DHS and DoD to reflect the interconnection of all agencies working to protect the homeland.

The scope section was simplified to include geospatial information technologies, standards, and as the focus. Section III was removed, and DHS was removed as the lead agency, as they do not have the resources to lead the effort. DHS has noted that they wish to remain very involved in the work group, but that they do not want to chair the group. There are no changes made to the authority section. The membership section was updated to permit the working group Chair to be any Federal employee. Other changes to the Responsibility and Procedures Section, as well as the Subgroups and Coordinating Mechanisms Section were outlined.

There was some discussion on the need to “sunset” the HSHDWG, due to DHS stepping back from chairing the work group. Questions were raised about DHS’s motivation behind stepping down from chairing, and what their role would be if they were not to chair the work group. It was suggested that a more in-depth discussion on the need for continuing the work group be conducted at a separate meeting of interested Coordination Group members.

DECISION: The discussion on the charter was deferred to a future separate meeting, to allow the CG to discuss whether or not it is necessary to renew the charter on the work group.

ACTION: The FGDC Secretariat will coordinate a conference call on the pros and cons of moving forward with the Homeland Security Working Group.

Geospatial Platform – Tony LaVoi, NOAA

This presentation was cancelled due to Tony LaVoi being unavailable resulting from a last-minute meeting conflict.

Fifty States Initiative - Rich Grady, Applied Geographics, Inc.

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Rich Grady (Applied Geographics, Inc.) gave a presentation on the status of the Fifty States Initiative. He began by reviewing FY 2010 project activities. A Strategic and Business Planning Workshop was held at the NSGIC Mid-Year Conference (March 2010). An assessment of statewide coordination efforts is now underway until September. The group has also assisted with the Geospatial Platform efforts. A survey of grant recipients was completed earlier this month, and case studies are still in progress. A final report will be put together in September.

An update on the outreach and support to the grant process was given. The main components of this are WebEx orientation for grants candidates on the applications process, phone and email support to eligible candidates, and evaluation support through NSGIC on applications. There have been 53 CAP grants awarded since 2006, 45 states, plus DC and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A summary of the feedback from the NSGIC 2010 Workshop for Fifty States Grant Recipients was given. Some of the highlighted points include the need to continue the “lightning talks,” continuation of the break-out sessions, spreading the message on shifting from planning to implementation, providing a new list of performance measures and metrics, and continuing to reach out to non-state agency stakeholders.

A quick summary of last year’s Measuring Progress report was presented. New case studies are in progress in several states: Arkansas, Maine, Hawaii, South Carolina, and Virginia. The online survey of grant recipients and follow-up interviews were completed within the past couple of months, and the final report is due out in September. The CAP grants have provided a critical catalyst for planning, goal setting, and achievements; stimulated greater involvement, investment, and progress; and raised awareness of NSDI as an important strategic requirement. USGS Geospatial Liaisons, Census Regional Geographers, and State Geodetic Advisors consider the program successful.

The 2010 Geospatial Platform Report was reviewed as well. Results were based on the review of 53 plans from 38 jurisdictions. The three major areas analyzed were: data, applications, and services. i.e. based on their plans, what do the State’s have in those 3 areas.

Some of the follow-up on actions arising from the federal stakeholder workshop were outlined. All of the recommendations from the federal community were turned into actions. These actions were reviewed for the CG.

The recommendations/next steps include: creating measurements of success for NSDI, creating a best practices library of case studies and common issues, shifting from strategic planning to business planning, using grants to catalyze implementation action on strategic/business plans,

consideration of awarding CAP grants to local/regional/county level, align the program with other federal funding targeted to states, and continue to improve communications and marketing activities for the Fifty States Program.

Executive Committee Liaison Discussion – Karen Siderelis, DOI

Karen Siderelis (DOI) gave an update on the Executive Committee's recent activities. The Geospatial Platform has been at the forefront of the ExCom's most recent activities; namely, the Committee has been working on finishing version 3 of the Roadmap document. The goal was to finish by the end of June, and it has been submitted to DOI for release to OMB and is in the process of being reviewed by DOI. After OMB approves the document, it will be released.

ExCom will begin tasks in time boxes 1 and 2 after they receive direction from OMB on next steps. The focus will be on doing tasks without the use of new resources. Implementing some Common Services has been identified in the document for completion between now and the end of the calendar year. The three other items ExCom plans on taking on time boxes 1 and 2 include: governance, managing partner for the Platform, and budget strategy. The budget strategy was not incorporated into the Roadmap, so it needs to be decided what resources are required to operate the Platform, what the potential funding sources are, and how are they managed based on the investment point of view (i.e., do we need an Exhibit 300? How does it align with the Geospatial Line of Business?)

Bill Burgess (NSGIC) asked when the Roadmap document will be made public. Karen answered that she hopes it will happen within the next couple of weeks, but it depends on OMB. Bill noted that NSGIC hopes that if there is any information that can be culled from Version 3 of the Roadmap to make public sooner, it would likely make the public input process smoother. Karen assured him that this would be taken into consideration and they would work to try to make it public as soon as possible.

Karen also discussed the recent developments with respect to Imagery for the Nation (IFTN). This effort was pushed through simultaneously with the Geospatial Platform. We are working on a Joint Business Case between USDA and DOI. The RFI was released last week.

The Coordination Group members were invited to ask questions. One question that was posed for Karen was whether there would be a Steering Committee meeting scheduled soon. Karen answered that DOI Secretary Ken Salazar is the FGDC Chair, so they are working with his office to schedule one as soon as possible. However, the Gulf oil spill has taken some of the attention away from this, so it may not be that we can convene the Steering Committee until late summer or early fall at the earliest. A question was raised about IFTN and the process that went on with the RFI; Karen answered that a combined RFI from USGS, NGA, and others was put together as a consolidated document for the community to respond to. A question about the Geospatial Platform and the possibility of an Exhibit 300 being due in September was raised – will this allow for enough time? Karen answered that they are aware of timing challenges and that they are working to meet deadlines or to do an alternative analysis if necessary.

General Questions and Comments from CG Members – Bill Mullen, NGA

The Chair asked that the remainder of the meeting be used for members to bring up any questions, comments, or concerns they have. There were no substantial comments from members. Bill Mullen noted that he is leaving to pursue doctoral studies at George Mason University and will no longer be able to serve as Co-Chair of the Coordination Group. He encouraged anyone interested in applying for the Co-Chair position to contact the FGDC Secretariat.

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

Action items were read out to the Committee. The agenda for the next meeting was discussed. Randy Fusaro (Census) noted that it might be beneficial to put a summary of Transportation for the Nation on the next meeting's agenda. This was noted and the FGDC Secretariat will work to find a presenter on this topic for August. It was also noted that the Work Group/Subcommittee report schedule is being revised to shift away from Line of Business and align more with Platform activities; in accordance with this, there will likely be newly aligned Work Groups/Subcommittees.

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