



National Geospatial Advisory Committee

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The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) is a Federal Advisory Committee established to provide external advice and recommendations to the member agencies of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)

Purpose:

The NGAC provides advice and recommendations related to:

- The management of Federal and national geospatial programs
- The development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure
- The implementation of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 and Executive Order 12906

Organization:

The NGAC reports to the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (Secretary of the Interior or designee). The FGDC Executive Director serves as the Designated Federal Officer for the NGAC. The FGDC Office of the Secretariat provides staff support for the operations of the NGAC.

The NGAC has a balanced membership of 28 committee members representing a variety of organizations involved in geospatial issues, including the private sector, non-profit organizations, academia, and all levels of government (Federal, State, County, Local, Tribal).

The Chair of the NGAC is Dr. David Cowen (University of South Carolina). The Vice-Chair is Dr. Jerry Johnston (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). Additional information about the NGAC, including a list of committee members, is available at www.fgdc.gov/ngac

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Value Proposition:

- The NGAC reviews and provides recommendations on nationally significant geospatial policy and management issues
- The NGAC provides a forum to convey views representative of our partners and stakeholders
- The NGAC promotes two-way communication on issues of common interest to the national geospatial community

Key Activities:

The NGAC has developed a plan of action, adopted bylaws and operating procedures, and has provided advice and recommendations on the following topics:

- Geospatial Platform
- Geospatial Line of Business
- Data Issues (Imagery, Parcels, Elevation, Transportation)
- Transition Recommendations
- “Changing Landscape” of Geospatial Technology

The NGAC has established subcommittees to address the following new and ongoing issues:

- Innovative Strategies for Geospatial Programs and Partnerships
- Geospatial Platform Implementation
- Geospatial Workforce Development
- Emerging Technologies
- Geospatial Partnerships with Tribal Governments
- Geospatial Programs and Initiatives

NGAC Meetings:

The NGAC meets on a quarterly basis. Meeting information is available on the NGAC website at www.fgdc.gov/ngac