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Memorandum of Agreement

Between

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And

The Delaware Spatial Data Implementation Team (I-Team)

To

Establish data stewardship and a strategy for the improvement and integration of the ... portion of the Delaware Spatial Data Framework (Framework).

WHEREAS, data that can be analyzed in a spatial context – also known as geographically referenced data – is essential to planning and operations in many levels of government and in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, these data sets can be expensive – in time, money, and other ways – to produce; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the people of the State of Delaware to avoid the waste of time and money caused when different levels of government, or different agencies, duplicate the creation of the same sets of data; and

WHEREAS, Delaware recognizes the utility of ensuring that spatial datasets are created and maintained at the most logical, most local, level of government; and

WHEREAS, Delaware understands that spatial data must be fully shared and integrated to reap the full value of spatially enabled information; and

WHEREAS, a functioning, shared framework approach will save time and money for all data users; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Spatial Data Framework provides the basic data “skeleton” needed by users of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) throughout Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the data sets that make up the Framework must be as accurate and up to date as possible, match a common base map, adhere to common data standards, and be shared among all GIS users in the State; and

WHEREAS, metadata about all of the data sets that make up the Framework must be created and published and must adhere to FGDC metadata standards; and

WHEREAS, metadata is considered an integral part of each of the data sets that make up the Framework; and

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WHEREAS, the Delaware Data Mapping and Integration laboratory (DataMIL) provides an on-line collaboratory in which data stewards, data users, and the public, can continually improve, through interactive use, all parts of the Delaware Framework; and

WHEREAS, data stewards must be identified to take ownership of, and provide data maintenance for, all parts of the Delaware Framework, and

WHEREAS, the Delaware DataMIL Team is comprised of members from the USGS, the DGS, The University of Delaware Resources and Data Management Services (RDMS), the Delaware I-Team, and data stewards identified for each of the Delaware Framework layers; and

WHEREAS, the ... portion of the Framework is currently made up of ... maintained by ...;

NOW THEREFORE WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,