National Geospatial Advisory Committee April 11-12, 2023 Webinar Meeting Summary

ACTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and Adoption of December 2022 NGAC Minutes

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the minutes of the December 6-7, 2022 NGAC meeting.

FGDC Overview

ACTION: The next round of appointments to the NGAC is expected to be completed in April 2023. FGDC will issue a call for nominations later in 2023 for the 2024 round of appointments.

ACTION: FGDC staff will keep NGAC members apprised on the status of the revisions to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. OMB plans to hold a public comment period on the draft Circular.

ACTION: FGDC staff will incorporate the papers from the GDA Reporting Subcommittee and the GDA Implementation Subcommittee into the 2023 GDA Report to Congress.

Geospatial Data Act (GDA) Reporting Subcommittee

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the paper, "NGAC Comments on the FY 2022 FGDC Summary of GDA Annual Reports", developed by the GDA Reporting Subcommittee.

ACTION: In 2023/2024, the GDA Reporting Subcommittee will review and provide comments on the individual covered agency and National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) Data Theme annual reports.

GDA Implementation Subcommittee

DECISION: The NGAC adopted the paper, "Evaluation of Geospatial Data Act Implementation", developed by the GDA Implementation Subcommittee.

ACTION: The NGAC will continue to review GDA implementation and outcomes, include evaluation of NGAC's role as authorized in the GDA.

3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Subcommittee

ACTION: NGAC members are requested to provide comments on the 3DEP Subcommittee's draft assessment paper by Friday, April 28. FGDC staff will provide additional details on the process to provide comments.

ACTION: The 3DEP Subcommittee will continue developing the report assessing the 3DEP program, as required under the National Landslide Preparedness Act (NLPA). The subcommittee will develop a final draft version of the report prior to the June 2023 NGAC meeting. The target date for completion of the report is July 5, 2023.

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NSDI Strategic Plan

ACTION: FGDC staff will distribute a summary of the dialogue among NGAC members and the NSDI strategic planning team during the NSDI session.

ACTION: FGDC and NGAC leadership will coordinate on approaches to engage the NGAC in the development of the new NSDI strategic plan, which may include establishing a new NSDI subcommittee.

Geospatial Excellence and Innovation Subcommittee

ACTION: The Geospatial Excellence and Innovation Subcommittee will work with FGDC staff to plan a session on Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) at an upcoming NGAC meeting.

ACTION: The Geospatial Excellence and Innovation Subcommittee will develop a summary paper that: 1) highlights key geospatial competitiveness issues, and 2) provides findings and recommendations that can be utilized in the development of the new strategic plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. The target completion date for the summary paper is December 2023.

Landsat Advisory Group (LAG) Subcommittee

ACTION: The LAG Subcommittee will continue working on LAG Task 1 for 2023, addressing "Ideas for National Land Imaging (NLI) 'Next' Products."

ACTION: USGS National Land Imaging Program staff will provide additional details on LAG Task 2 for 2023, which will address interagency coordination and efficiencies.

ACTION: FGDC and NGAC leadership will coordinate with the USGS National Land Imaging Program to update the membership of the LAG and finalize the updated bylaws for the LAG.

Public Comments

 Public comments were provided on the FLAIR Act (John Byrd, NSPS), and Overture Maps Foundation (Marc Prioleau, Overture). NGAC members expressed interest in learning more about these topics at future meetings.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the NGAC is scheduled for June 27-28, 2023. Additional information about the meeting will be provided soon.

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