

# Changes to the Homeland Security Working Group charter

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# Changes to Purpose

## ■ I. PURPOSE

- The Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) is established under the auspices of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) to serve as their focal point for the awareness of geospatial data, information, symbology, guidelines, and standards to ensure that geospatial information technologies support the achievement of the homeland security mission:
  - (A) prevent terrorist attacks within the United States;
  - (B) reduce the vulnerability of the United States to terrorism;
  - (C) minimize the damage, and assist in the recovery, from terrorist attacks that do occur within the United States;
  - (D) carry out all functions of entities transferred to the Federal Government, including by acting as a focal point regarding natural and manmade crises and emergency planning;
  - (E) ensure that the overall economic security of the United States is not diminished by efforts, activities, and programs aimed at securing the homeland;
  - (F) monitor connections between illegal drug trafficking and terrorism, coordinate efforts to sever such connections, and otherwise; and
  - (G) support the functions of the Law Enforcement and Homeland Defense communities that secure the homeland.
- PURPOSE was updated to reflect the missions of Law Enforcement, Homeland Defense, and Homeland Security communities in securing the homeland
- Removed the requirement for a 'bridge' between DHS and DoD to reflect the interconnection of all Agencies involved in securing the homeland.



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# Changes to Scope

## II. SCOPE

The HSWG will facilitate the awareness of geospatial information technologies, standards and data applicable to homeland security. It may also identify homeland security-related geospatial needs. The HSWG may coordinate its activities with organizations representing communities of interest in the homeland security and related mission areas, as well as with other FGDC subcommittees and working groups.

- Simplified SCOPE to emphasize geospatial information technologies, standards and data.
- Removed the requirement for coordination mechanisms, which was substituted with the option to coordinate with all homeland security organizations.



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# Changes to Lead Agency, Authority, and Membership

- Section III removed. DHS removed as the lead agency.
- No changes made to AUTHORITY section
- Membership updated to permit the HSWG chair to be a Federal employee of any part of the Federal Government



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# Changes to Responsibility and Procedures

## **Policy Development:**

- A. Developing and implementing guidelines for the identification, dissemination, and sharing (web-served or other) of geospatial data required for DHS and DOD critical infrastructure programs and that are or may be determined to be Homeland Security-sensitive.
- B. Assisting in the development and publication of process and policy guidelines applicable to homeland security data and supporting the testing and validation of guidelines or specifications developed or modified by the HSWG.
- C. Recommending additions to or changes of homeland security-related NSDI data themes and their lead agencies to the FGDC Steering Committee.

- Removed the responsibility to develop and implement guidelines across DoD and DHS.
- Maintained a responsibility for coordination and facilitate the adoption of standards.
- Procedures for classified meetings removed.



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# Changes Subgroups and Coordinating Mechanisms

- HSWG Chairperson retains authority to establish subgroups
- HSWG Chairperson gains authority to abolish subgroups
  
- Removed requirement to use the best suited tools (Mechanisms) to conduct meetings.



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# Changes to Reports

- Removed requirement to provide accomplishments, plans, photographs, and diagrams in reports
- Removed requirement to produce special reports and papers
- Removed specific calendar dates
- Retained requirement to report annually
- No changes made to final section, Termination.



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# Recommend Change to TITLE

- **Reflect interest to broaden to include: Homeland Defense community**

## Recommendation

**OLD = Homeland Security Working Group**

**NEW = Homeland Security & Homeland Defense Working Group**



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