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Coordination Group Meeting

# Recommendation for Endorsement of Non-Federally Authored Geospatial Standards

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# Endorsement of Non-Federally Authored Geospatial Standards

- ◆ Steering Committee established in November 2005 the:
  - ◆ *FGDC Policy on Recognition of Non-Federally Authored Geographic Information Standards and Specifications*
- ◆ Mechanism for FGDC recognition of non-Federally authored standards or specifications that are relevant to the missions and spatial data responsibilities of Federal agencies as set forth in OMB Circular A-16.
- ◆ The following action exercises that policy and CG input has been solicited to prepare a recommendation to the Steering Committee.



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Read aheads: NonFed Geo Standards Endorsement 20100720 v2.ppt; see email sent - 7/13/10, 4:51 pm EST, FGDC CG ACTION: Endorsement of Non-Federally Authored Geospatial Standards

# Standards WG Recommendation

- ◆ NGA requested FGDC endorse DISA approved standards (sent 5/10 to CG)
- ◆ List has been expanded to 66 voluntary consensus, de facto, and other standards
- ◆ Standards WG recommended a review and concurrence process with a condensed timeline
  - Standards have been through their standard organization's review and vetting process
  - Endorsement process is not requesting comments on the actual content of a standard but on its suitability to be an FGDC endorsed standard



# Standards WG Recommendation

- ◆ At its July 7, 2010 meeting the Standards WG developed a list of external standards for recommendation
- ◆ Includes 66 voluntary consensus, de facto and other standards:
  - Identified by FGDC member agencies
  - Approved by the Geospatial Intelligence Standards Working Group (GWG) for inclusion in the DoD IT Standards and Profile Registry (DISR)
  - Relevant to the Federal Civil community
  - Relevant to the initial implementation of the Geospatial Platform and Roadmap time box 1 deliverables
    - ◆ “Adopt and enforce open and interoperable standards to leverage the work already accomplished by national and international standards organizations.”



# Standards WG Recommendation

- ◆ Predominantly OGC standards and American National Standards, including ISO standards that are adopted/to be adopted as U.S. National Standards (i.e. no ISO standards the US does not support)
- ◆ List includes voluntary consensus standards developed through:
  - ISO, the International Organization for Standardization standards
  - INCITS, the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards, a standards development organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
  - OGC, the Open Geospatial Consortium



# Process

- ◆ CG members to have their agencies review the list of standards recommended for endorsement
- ◆ Document in the supplied spreadsheet the recommendation for each standard, i.e.: endorse, defer endorsement, do not endorse
- ◆ For defer endorsement and do not endorse standards:
  - Provide a detailed reason why the identified standards should be deferred or not be endorsed
  - Provide the steps your agency will take, or would like see taken before endorsement can occur



# Process and Timeline

- ◆ CG members to send in their agency's recommendations by Wednesday, August 11 – call has already gone out
- ◆ The Standards WG chair will use the responses to create a recommendation report. This will be reviewed by the Standards WG for concurrence by August 27
- ◆ Final Standards WG recommendation will be sent to the CG for a 14-calendar day review and concurrence period, ending September 14.
- ◆ FGDC OS will compile the results into a final recommendation for electronic vote/endorsement by the SC, ending September 27 (13 days).
- ◆ The FGDC OS will compile the SC responses into a report of record, and notify the FGDC committees of the final outcome by September 30.



# Standards WG Recommendation

- ◆ ACTION: Coordination Group review and recommendation for endorsement of geospatial standards as guided by the FGDC Policy on Recognition of Non-Federally Authored Geographic Information Standards and Specifications and provide input for a consolidated recommendation to the Steering Committee.
- ◆ Please submit your comments in the supplied comments spreadsheet to Julie Binder Maitra ([jmaitra@usgs.gov](mailto:jmaitra@usgs.gov)) by Wednesday, August 11, 2010.





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