



**Federal Geographic Data Committee
Coordination Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Eastern
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **FED ONLY****

**Location: Main Interior Building
Rachel Carson Room
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC**

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
9:10 – 9:15	Previous Meeting Action Item Review	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
9:15 – 9:45	FGDC Business Report	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
9:45 – 10:15	National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) Subcommittee Report	<i>Anne O'Connor, Census Bureau</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Cultural and Demographic Statistics Work Group Report	<i>Lynda Liptrap, Census Bureau</i>
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK	

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11:00 – 11:30	Geospatial Platform • De-Brief on Aug. 27 ExCom Meeting	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
11:30 – 12:15	Data Sets/Data Themes • A-16 Planning	<i>Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Action Item Review & Next Meeting Agenda	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
12:30	<i>Adjourn</i>	

*Read-ahead Documents	1.
Other Relevant documents	

* Read-ahead documents are located at the my.usgs.gov site for member access.

CG Meeting Planning

<p>Coordination Group Meetings Topics (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn - All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm EST at NCPC in D.C., unless otherwise noted
<p>October 16, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Users/Historical Data WG (Colleen Cahill); Vegetation SC (Ralph Crawford); Marine and Coastal Spatial Data Subcommittee (Tony LaVoi); Spatial Water Data Subcommittee (Tod Dabolt and Bob Pierce).
<p>November 13, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Geodetic Control SC (Juliana Blackwell); Transportation for the Nation SC (Mark Bradford); Metadata SC (Jennifer Carlino).
<p>December 11, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from: Geologic SC (Dave Soller); Standards WG (Julie Maitra); Wetlands SC (Bill Wilen).

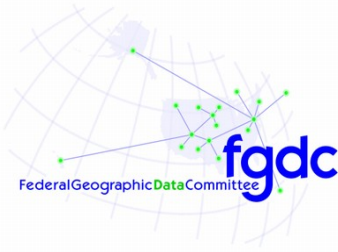


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ACTION ITEMS
Through August 14, 2012**

Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	CG Members	Action#: 20120313-02
Action:	CG Members should review the Geospatial Platform partner activities POC list for Interagency Agreements documents and submit any corrections to Roxanne Lamb.	
Contact:	Roxanne Lamb, FGDC OS, rh Lamb@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:	Continue to need responses on this item.	
Due Date: 9/4/12		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20120313-08
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will work with the FGDC agencies to identify one or two subcommittees and data themes that can serve as pilots.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: ASAP		
Lead:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA	Action#: 20120814-02
Action:	Wendy Blake-Coleman (EPA) will schedule a separate follow-up discussion on activity integration between the FGDC standards group and NIEM work.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epamail.epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20120814-05
Action:	The FGDC OS will send out the most recent list of master datasets to the CG Federal members.	
Contact:	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, ideloatch@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: 9/7/12		
Lead:	FGDC Secretariat	Action#: 20120814-06
Action:	The FGDC Secretariat will send out an electronic ballot on the Governmental Units and Administrative and Statistical Boundaries theme to CG Federal members, in order to receive votes from any members who were not present at the August 14 meeting.	

Contact:	Arista Maher, FGDC OS, amaher@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:	Vote was sent out on Friday, August 31. Responses are due by September 7.	
Due Date: 9/14/12		
Lead:	CG Members	Action#: 20120904-01
Action:	CG Members who have an interest in serving as the CG Co-Chair are asked to respond to the FGDC Secretariat by September 14.	
Contact:	Arista Maher, FGDC OS, amaher@fgdc.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	CG Members	Action#: 20120904-02
Action:	Any CG members interested in joining the NDOP subcommittee are asked to contact Anne O'Connor (Census) for more information.	
Contact:	Anne O'Connor, Census Bureau, anne.v.o.connor@census.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	Anne O'Connor, Census Bureau	Action#: 20120904-03
Action:	Anne O'Connor will follow up with her contact at the National Park Service on potentially moving the Cultural and Demographic Statistics Work Group into a newly created Cultural Resource Standard Work Group. She will report back to the FGDC Secretariat with more information on the proposed Work Group, and the Secretariat will then put together an electronic ballot regarding this change for the CG to vote on.	
Contact:	Anne O'Connor, Census Bureau, anne.v.o.connor@census.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA	Action#: 20120904-04
Action:	Wendy Blake-Coleman will contact A-16 theme lead agencies who have a "high" level of effort required to complete their master dataset lists.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epamail.epa.gov	
Resolution/Response:		
Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA	Action#: 20120904-05
Action:	Wendy Blake-Coleman will schedule a meeting with Jerry Johnston, Colleen Cahill, and Ivan DeLoatch in order to determine the next steps for bringing the A-16 Master Data File into the Geospatial Platform environment.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epamail.epa.gov	
Resolution/Response:		

Response:		
Due Date: 9/17/12		
Lead:	CG Members	Action#: 20120904-06
Action:	CG member agencies that currently do not have a theme lead are asked to contact Wendy Blake-Coleman by September 17 in order to come to closure on the theme lead.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epamail.epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		
Due Date: 10/9/12		
Lead:	Wendy Blake-Coleman and Steve King	Action#: 20120904-07
Action:	Wendy Blake-Coleman (EPA) and Steve King (DHS) will develop a message for the FGDC Secretariat to send to the ExCom with background information on the Symbology proposal.	
Contact:	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, blake-coleman.wendy@epamail.epa.gov	
Resolution/ Response:		



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(Note: Primary CG members are indicated in **blue text**; alternate CG members are indicated in **red text**.)

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
x	Shirley Hall	USDA- Farm Service Agency		Tim Smith	DOI – Nat'l Park Service
	Marisa Capriotti	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service		Robert Welsh	DOI – Office of Surface Mining
	Betsy Kanalley	USDA – US Forest Service		Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
x	Ralph Crawford	USDA – US Forest Service		Bill Wilen	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
	Tony LaVoi	DOC - NOAA	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
x	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau		Bob Pierce	DOI – USGS
x	Anne O'Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Jim Bjostad	DOD - NGA		Cecelia Henderson	Dept of State
x	David LaBranche	DOD - DISDI		Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD - DISDI		Raquel Wright	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
x	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Elaine Boston	Dept of Treasury
	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics	x	Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	David Morehouse	Dept. of Energy – US Energy Info Administration		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
x	Stephanie Foster	DHHS – CDC	x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
	Robert Shankman	DHHS – Office of Preparedness and Emergency Ops		Dave Catlin	EPA
x	Steven King	DHS – Office of the CIO		John Sullivan	GSA
	Dennis Hardy	DHS	x	Autumn Wallin	GSA
x	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research	x	Colleen Cahill	Library of Congress

	Salvatore Scelafani	HUD - Office of Community Planning & Development	x	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Gregory Mann	NASA
	Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy	x	Brett Abrams	NARA
	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM			
	Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Clifford Jacobs	National Science Foundation
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE		Trisha Christian	Small Business Administration
	Joe Gregson	DOI – Nat’l Park Service		David Timmons	Social Security Administration
				Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	Other Attendees	Organization		Attendee	Organization
x	Cuttie Bacon	DOE	x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS
x	Anne Ball	NOAA	x	Kristie McLeroy	USDA NRCS
x	Leonard Gore	BLM	x	Yen Shan	SBA
x	Glenn Guempel	USGS	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC OS
x	Kate Kase	FGDC OS	x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC OS
x	Peter Lyttle	USGS	x	Kristie McLeroy	USDA NRCS
x	Arista Maher	FGDC OS	x	Linda Zellmer	WIU
x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS			

Welcome and Introductions – Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS

Ivan DeLoatch, Executive Director, FGDC OS, welcomed participants to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Previous Meeting Action Item Review – Arista Maher, FGDC OS

Arista Maher (FGDC OS) reviewed the action items from the previous meeting, noting statuses and resolutions on each.

FGDC Business Report - Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS

[[Presentation](#), PDF]

Ivan gave an update on FGDC Business, including a summary of various FGDC committees’ recent decisions and activities. The upcoming Steering Committee meeting on September 20 was discussed, as well as the next National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) meeting on September 18-19. The most recent Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting took place on August 27, and included discussions on the Geospatial Platform Business Plan and Business Case and A-16 data themes. The next Coordination Group (CG) meeting will take place on October 16. It was noted that the dates for the CG meetings in 2013 have been set and are available on the FGDC website calendar.

ACTION: CG members who have an interest in serving as the CG Co-Chair are asked to respond to the FGDC Secretariat by September 14.

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place on September 20, and will feature agenda items such as Geospatial Information Sharing, a report out on the NGAC meeting, and discussions on the Geospatial Platform Business Plan and Business Case. The NGAC meeting will be held on the two preceding days. The NGAC nominations are still in progress; a review panel met last week to discuss the potential candidates and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior. The recommendations should be approved prior to January 2013. A Geospatial Line of Business/Geospatial Platform update was given, including a status on Managing Partner activities, interagency documents, and PMO tasks.

A status on the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) was also given. The 2013 category descriptions have been posted to the FGDC website. There are a total of 25 possible awards. The official announcement will be posted to Grants.gov by October/November 2012. The FGDC Annual Report is in the editing phase. CG members were thanked for their efforts in contributing to the report. The report should be published by December 2012.

An update on FGDC Standards activities was given. The FGDC OS is continuing its review of CG member agency participation in standards activities, and has updated Chapter 10, Standards Suites for Spatial Data Infrastructure, of the SDI Cookbook. The FGDC Standards Work Group will meet on September 25 to discuss geospatial web service standards. Statuses on the CAP Standards projects were shared with CG members, as well as updates on standards activities in relation to INCITS L1, OGC, and GWG.

National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) Subcommittee Report – Anne O’Connor, Census Bureau

[\[Presentation, PDF\]](#)

Anne O’Connor gave an update on the recent activities of the National Digital Orthoimagery Program (NDOP) Subcommittee. The NDOP Subcommittee is responsible for developing, promoting, and executing a national strategy for acquisition or development of orthoimagery data for Federal agencies while creating and utilizing partnerships with State, local, tribal, and private organizations. NDOP member agencies include: FSA, USGS, NGA, NRCS, FS, BLM, FEMA, NOAA, NSGIC, NPS, EPA, and Census Bureau. The Subcommittee Chair rotates annually with the transition after the fall meeting.

The Subcommittee most recently met in May 2012. They discussed the NAIP 2012-14 acquisition plan, data distribution including cloud services, and agency updates and subcommittee reports. Their follow-ups include that the Technical Management Subgroup will look into finding an appropriate imagery compression value that will satisfy all programs, and that agencies will continue to look into the potential of cloud services. The Project Management Subgroup held a meeting in July as well.

The Subcommittee has been working on various projects, including the Urban Areas program, which is co-sponsored by NGA and USGS, and is focused on obtaining 1-ft, leaf off imagery, and they hope to maintain a 3-year refresh cycle for all of the urban areas with a 2-year cycle for the top 50 cities. Furthermore, the USGS National Geospatial Program conducted a study on cloud services, with results including reduced costs, and better reliability and performance. NOAA has coordinated with

USGS to provide access to USGS CLICK LiDAR data from the Digital Coast, and plans to provide access to USGS National Map imagery from the Digital Coast later in FY12. They are working on acquiring better Alaska imagery as well.

The next meeting of the NDOP Subcommittee will take place on October 23-25, 2012 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They plan on discussing NAIP and High Resolution Imagery Program Updates, as well as distribution methods/collaboration, and theme leads responsibilities for A-16 data themes. In the coming months, they hope to work on ways in which to present plans and accomplishments to a wider audience including updating of website, better coordination of imagery and elevation data acquisition investments in Alaska, and cooperative implementation between agencies to reduce the expense associated with hosting and delivering orthoimagery to their collective users.

ACTION: Any CG members interested in joining the NDOP subcommittee are asked to contact Anne O'Connor (Census) for more information.

Cultural and Demographic Statistics Work Group Report – Lynda Liptrap, Census Bureau

[\[Presentation, PDF\]](#)

Lynda Liptrap gave an update on the recent activities of the Cultural and Demographic Statistics Work Group report. The purpose of the Work Group is to promote the collections, use, sharing and dissemination of cultural and demographic geospatially referenced data pertinent to the needs of the nation. They propose a discontinuation of the Work Group due to the elimination of the A-16 theme by the same name. The only current project-- the Cultural Resource Standard-- would be more suitable under the Cultural Resource Theme. Anne O'Connor is following up with Desiree at National Park Service (NPS) to determine whether they are in agreement with this change.

ACTION: Anne O'Connor will follow up with her contact at the National Park Service on potentially moving the Cultural and Demographic Statistics Work Group into a newly created Cultural Resource Standard Work Group. She will report back to the FGDC Secretariat with more information on the proposed Work Group, and the Secretariat will then put together an electronic ballot regarding this change for the CG to vote on.

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