



# Geospatial Intelligence Standards Working Group

Metadata Focus Group (MFG) and the implementation of ISO 19115-1:2014 for the National System for Geospatial Intelligence (NSG).

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# Geospatial Intelligence Standards Working Group (GWG)



- Established 2005
- Technical Working Group (TWG) under the **JESC\***
- Performs two major roles:
  - **Coordinating body** for the GEOINT community to address all aspects of GEOINT standards
  - Technical Working Group (TWG) - **recommends adoption of standards** to the DoD IT Standards Registry (DISR) **to enable the discovery, access, integration, dissemination, exploitation and interoperability of GEOINT.**
- Primarily staffed by NGA, National Center for Geospatial Intelligence Standards (NCGIS)/NGA-TAES employees.

*\*Originally chartered under DoD IT Standards Committee (ITSC), now under JESC*



# Geospatial Intelligence Standards Working Group (GWG)

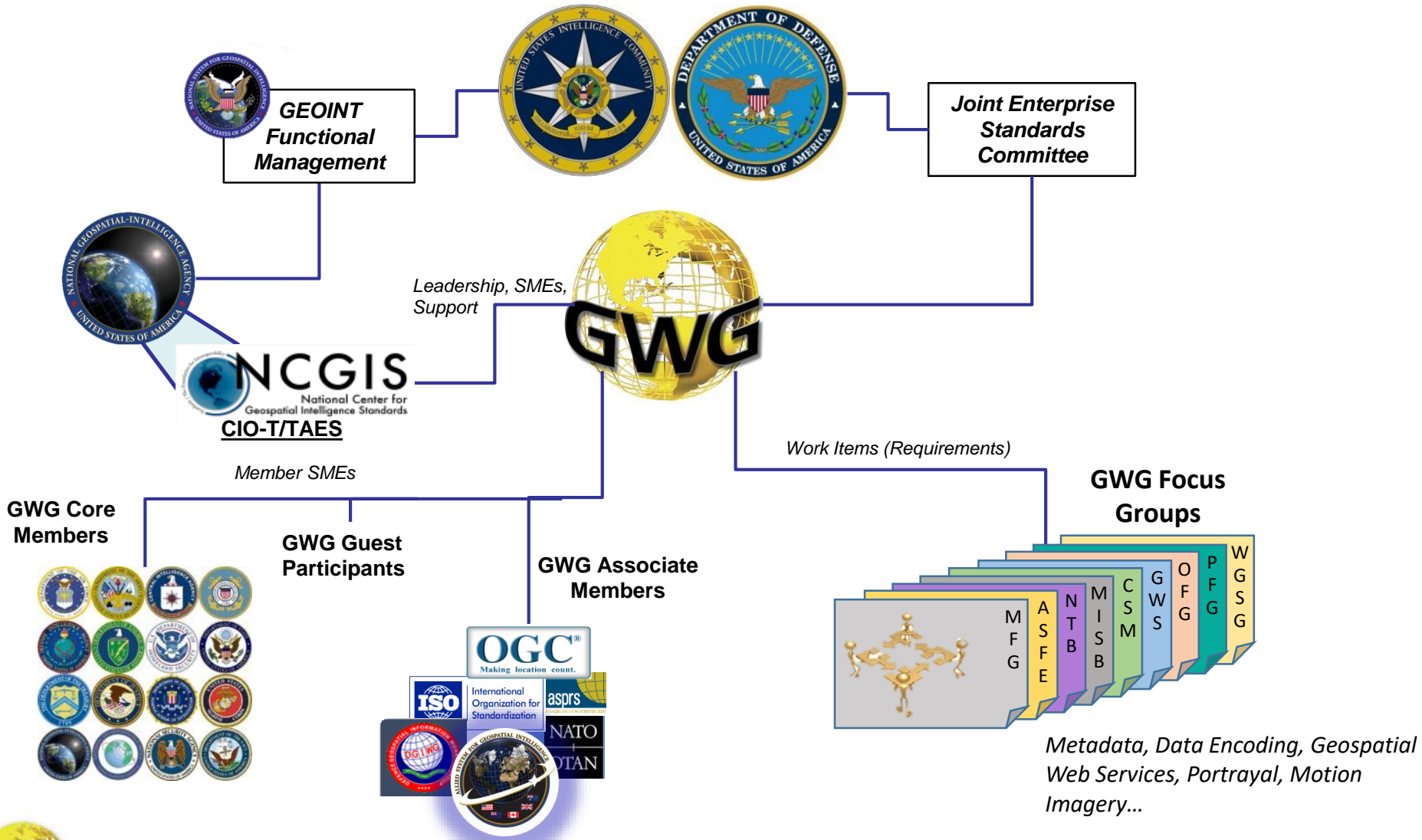


- **Includes Nine (9) Focus Groups aligned with major area of standardization and phenomenology**
  - NITF Technical Board (NTB)
  - Motion Imagery Standards Board (MISB)
  - Overhead Persistent Infrared (OPIR) Focus Group
  - Community Sensor Model Working Group (CSMWG)
  - World Geodetic Systems and Grids (WGSG) Working Group
  - Portrayal Focus Group (PFG)
  - Geospatial Web Services (WGS) Focus Group
  - Application Schemas for Feature Encoding (ASFE) Focus Group\*
  - **Metadata Focus Group (MFG)\***

*\*In Joint-Operation with a single chair*



# NSG Community Standards Governance



# GWG Metadata Focus Group (MFG)

- Chartered 31 October 2008 as a focus group of the GWG
- **Coordinating body** for the GEOINT community (IC/DoD/USG/ Industry/International) to address all aspects of GEOINT metadata.
- Technical advisory group (Focus Group) to the GWG
- Advocate for IT standardization activities for **GEOINT Metadata**
- **Reviews and recommends metadata standards** to GWG for **citation** in DISR.
- In Joint-Operations with Application Schemas for Feature Encoding (ASFE) Focus Group
- Current Chair – Nathan Babcook



# GWG Metadata Focus Group (MFG) (Cont)

## Participants

- American National Standards Institute - InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standardization/Geographic Information (ANSI - INCITS/L1)
- Digital Geographic Information Working Group (DGIWG)
- Distributed Common Ground Systems Multi-Service Execution Team Metadata Working Group (DCGS MET MWG)
- [Federal Geospatial Data Committee \(FGDC\)](#)
- Intelligence Community Metadata Working Group (IC MWG)
- [International Organization for Standardization \(ISO\) Technical Committee 211 \(TC 211\)](#)
- Multinational Geospatial Co-Production Group (MGCP)
- NATO Joint Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Capability Group (JISRCG)
- Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)
- Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC)



# MFG Reviewed and Related Standards

- NSG Metadata Foundation (Multipart)
  - NMF Part 1 Core, v2.2 (Scheduled for Sunset 2018)
  - NMF Part 2 Quality, v1.1 (Scheduled for Sunset 2018)
  - NMF Part 3 Imagery, v1.0 (Scheduled for Sunset 2018)
  - NMF Part 4 Records, v1.0 (Retired in 2017)
  - NMF Part 5 Services, v1.0 (Retired in 2017)
- NSG Metadata Implementation Specification (NMIS) v2.2
  - XML Implementation of NMF Parts 1-3 only
- NSG Metadata Foundation (NMF) v3.0
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- ISO 19115:2003/Cor.1:2006
- ISO 19139:2007
- ISO 3166-1:2013
- ISO 3166-2:2013
- ISO 639-2:1998
- ISO 639-3:2007
- ISO 639-5:2008





# NSG Metadata Foundation (NMF) -Multipart-

- Part 1 Core v2.2  
Subset of ISO 19115:2003/2006
- Part 2 Quality v1.1  
Subset of ISO 19115:2003/2006 and 19115-2:2009
- Part 3 Imagery v1.0  
subset of ISO 19115:2003/2006 and ISO 19115-2:2009
- *Part 4 Records v1.0*  
*subset of ISO 19115:2003/2006 and ERM.ADD*
- *Part 5 Services v1.0*  
*subset of ISO 19119:2005/2008*





# The Problem with NMF Multipart

- Subset and extended profile of ISO metadata standards
  - Based on ISO 19115:2003/2006, ISO 19115-2:2009, ISO 19119:2005/2008
  - Includes now-superseded IC Data Encoding Specifications (e.g. Records Management)
- Customers: “too much/little” and “not clear enough”
- Multiple parts and multiple versions - confusing
- Conceptual model only, XML required for implementation
- No longer in sync (and sometimes in conflict) with other NSG content standards (NFDD, NAS, NCV, NEO, etc.)

**Bottom Line: Out-of-Date  
Time to Update the Standard**



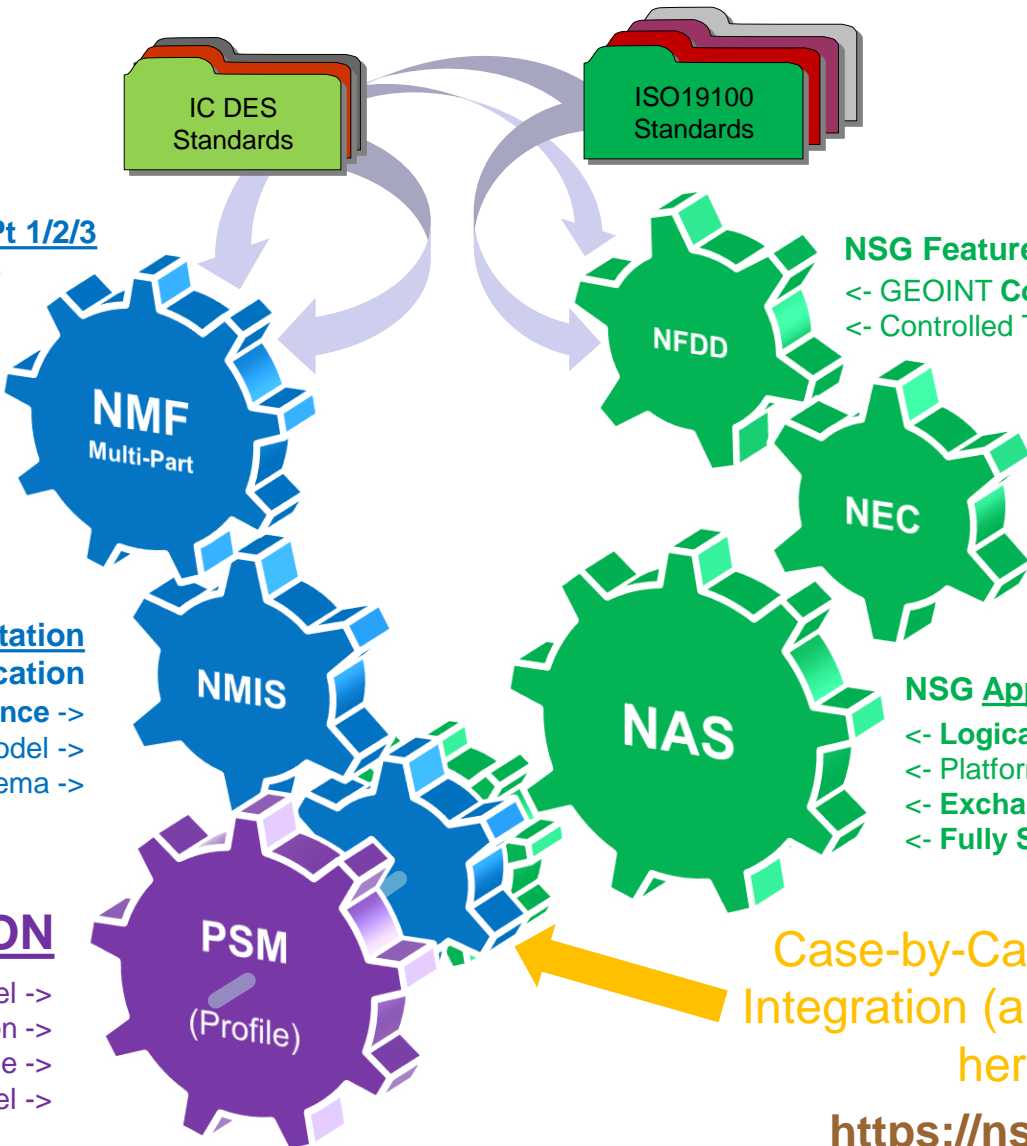
# GEOINT Standards for Metadata & Data

## METADATA

## DATA

### NSG Metadata Foundation Pt 1/2/3

- Minimum Metadata for GEOINT
- Conceptual Model
- Discovery and Retrieval
- Quality Measures
- Imagery and Gridded Data



### NSG Metadata Implementation Specification

- Implementation Guidance ->
- Logical Model ->
- XML Schema ->

## IMPLEMENTATION

- Platform Specific Model ->
- Agency Implementation ->
- Mission-Specific Profile ->
- Physical Model ->

### NSG Feature Data Dictionary

- <- GEOINT Community Dictionary
- <- Controlled Terms and Definitions

### NSG Entity Catalog

- <- Semantic Relationships
- <- Integrated Data Concepts

### NSG Application Schema

- <- Logical Model
- <- Platform Independent
- <- Exchange Standard
- <- Fully Structured UML/OCL

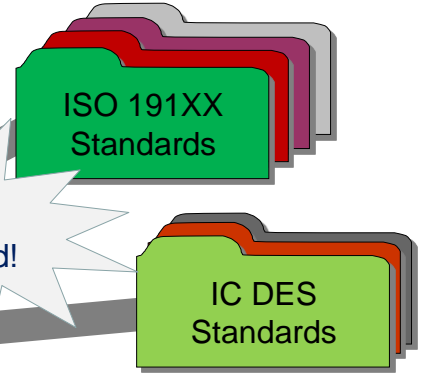
Case-by-Case manual Integration (and conflicts) here!



# Standards for GEOINT Content

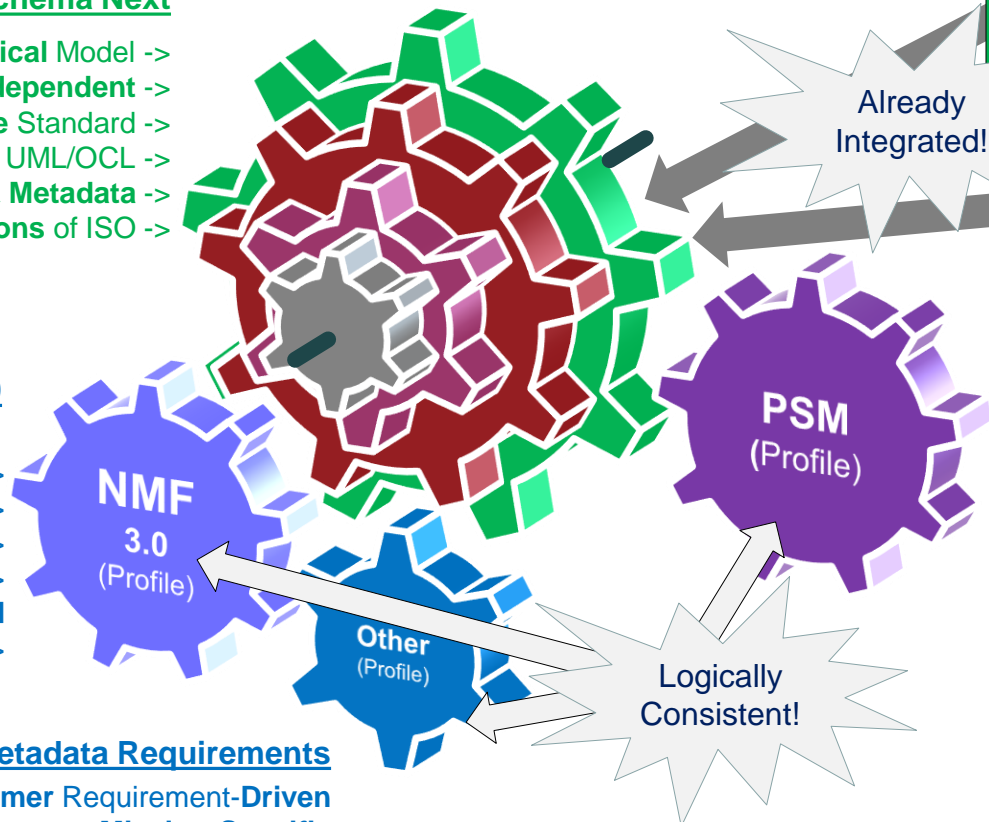
## NSG Application Schema Next

- Comprehensive Logical Model ->
- Platform Independent ->
- GEOINT Exchange Standard ->
- Fully Structured UML/OCL ->
- Deep Integration of Data & Metadata ->
- NSG-Specific Extensions of ISO ->



## Platform Specific Models

- <- Customer-Driven
- <- Agency Implementations
- <- Mission-Specific Profiles
- <- Data and Metadata
- <- Logically Consistent
- <- Physical Models



## NSG Metadata Foundation 3.0

### GEOINT Metadata

- ..for Cloud Migration ->
- ...Identification and Access ->
- Logical Model ->
- Explicit Conformance Criteria ->
- Applies to Datasets, Series, and Services ->

## Other Metadata Requirements

- Customer Requirement-Driven
- Mission-Specific
- Clear Conformance Criteria
- Traceable to Requirements



# NMF v3.0 - ISO Integration Process

## Standards Selection

- **Integrate most current version of authoritative standards**
  - ISO19115-1:2014
  - ISO19157:2013
  - IC DES ERM ADD V2 (22 Dec 2014)
  - IC DES ERM (01 Jul 2016)
  - IC DES ISM ADD (09 Aug 2011)
  - IC DES ISM V13 (09 May 2014)
  - IC DES NTK V10 (06 Sept 2013)
  - IC DES RevRecall (09 May 2014)
- **Divided into approximately 12 parts for integration**



# ISO Standard – Integration Challenges

- Conceptual model (vs logical model)
- No “concept names” (human-readable names)
- Name uniqueness
  - (some ISO XML Names conflict with some NSG names)
- Definitions do not necessarily meet NSG requirements
- Changes to ISO model are not allowed...
  - ...BUT extensions are needed to meet NSG and IC requirements



# ISO Standards – Integration Process (1)

- Integrate ISO content into NSG Logical Model (NSG Application Schema)
- Derived unique concept names from XML names containing reference to authority.

For example:

“MD\_Metadata” gains concept name “Resource Metadata (ISO TC211)”

- Original name is retained intact, but an additional NSG name is added
- Approximately 100 instances during integration



# ISO Standards – Integration Process (2)

- Added NSG Alphacode for use in NSG environments
  - In most cases, NSG Alphacode is the same as the XML name
  - In case of conflict, NSG Alphacode is in-addition to/alternate to XML name (XML name is used in XML implementations).

For example:

XML Name “MD\_BrowseGraphic/linkage” (“linkage” already in use)  
NSG Alphacode becomes “MD\_BrowseGraphic/graphicLink”

- XML name always retained for interoperability purposes
- Approximately 191 instances during integration (not \*all\* ISO)





# ISO Standards – Integration Process (3)

- Definitions “enhanced” to meet NSG requirements while retaining meaning of the concept

NSG concept definitions must be **globally unique** and **not circular**  
ISO (and IC) definitions are contextually unique and often circular

For example:

## **ISO MD\_Keywords Definition**

“keywords, their type and reference source”

## **NSG MD\_Keywords Definition**

“A list of words or phrases describing a resource, and their context, as determined by ISO 19115-1:2015”

- ALL ISO and IC concepts required enhancement (over 900 entities, attributes, associations, datatypes, codelist concepts).



# ISO Standards – Integration Process (4)

- NSG has specific needs above and beyond ISO content, but cannot add new attributes to existing ISO-defined concepts. Solution?

NSG Extensions were added as subclasses of existing ISO classes to support additional attribution

For example:

ISO “**MD\_DataIdentification**” gained NSG subclass “**Data Identification**”

ISO “**MD\_DigitalTransferOptions**” gained NSG subclass “**Digital Transfer Options**”

ISO “**MD\_Constraints**” gained NSG subclass “**ResourceConstraints**”

- Allowed NSG to extend/add 9 additional attributes & 1 datatype to new subclasses



# Sample Integration Worksheet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	Rec
CR Num	Ind	Item Typ	NFDD alphaCode	NAS Primary alpha	XML Name	Entity Name	Property Name	Proper	Multipl	Listed	Stereo	Definiti	Descri	Notes	Domair	Physic	Rec
ERM	2	assocRole	-na-	electronicRecordsMana	-na-	Data Identification	Electronic Records Management Information (IC DES)	0.1	Aggregation			[none]	Information A records management system systematic		Electronic Records Management		
ERM	3	entity	ElectronicRecordsManagement	ElectronicRecordsManagement	NoVariance	Electronic Records Management Information (IC DES)							Information A records management system systematic				
ERM	4	attribute	foiaOpsIndicator	foiaOpsIndicator	NoVariance	Electronic Records Management	FOIA Operations Indicator	0.1					An indicat For example, the U.S.	Boolean			
ERM	5	attribute	officeOfRecord	officeOfRecord	NoVariance	Electronic Records Management	Office of Record	1					The party e The specification of the	Responsibility (ISO TC211)			
ERM	6	attribute	recordDesignationDate	recordDesignationDate	NoVariance	Electronic Records Management	Record Designation Date	0.1					The date a Examples of dates for	Date and Time			
ERM	7	attribute	vitalRecordsIndicator	vitalRecordsIndicator	NoVariance	Electronic Records Management	Vital Record Indicator	0.1					An indicat Also known as an Es	Boolean			
ERM	8	assocRole	-na-	disposition	-na-	Electronic Records Management	Record Disposition Information	1	Aggregation				Information Disposition is the final	Record Disposition (IC DES)			
ERM	9	assocRole	-na-	recordManagedResource	-na-	Electronic Records Management	Record-managed Resource	0.1					Information	Data Identification			
ERM	10	entity	RecordDisposition	RecordDisposition	NoVariance	Record Disposition (IC DES)							An action Disposition is the final action that puts into e				
ERM	11	attribute	appliedBy	appliedBy	NoVariance	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Applied By	0.1					The party acting in a role of resp	Responsibility (ISO TC211)			
ERM	12	attribute	recDispDateApplied	recDispDateApplied	dateApplied	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Date Appli	1					The date, and optionally, time that	Date and Time			
ERM	13	attribute	dateEligible	dateEligible	NoVariance	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Date Eligib	0.1					The date, and optionally, time that	Date and Time			
ERM	14	attribute	dateLimit	dateLimit	NoVariance	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Date Limit	0.1					The date, and optionally, time by	Date and Time			
ERM	15	attribute	recordControl	recordControl	NoVariance	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Record Co	0.1					A unique id The identifier is determ	Identifier (ISO TC211)			
ERM	16	attribute	reviewIndicator	reviewIndicator	NoVariance	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Review In	1					An indication that a record has be	Boolean			
ERM	17	assocRole	-na-	hold	-na-	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Record Disposition Hold	0.*	Composition				Information about a suspension o	Disposition Hold (IC DES)			
ERM	18	assocRole	-na-	applicableRecordsMana	-na-	Record Disposition (IC DES)	Applicable Records Managem	0.1					The record A record is a resourc	Electronic Records Manage			
ERM	19	entity	DispositionHold	DispositionHold	NoVariance	Disposition Hold (IC DES)							A suspen Disposition is the final action that puts into e				
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ERM	21	attribute	dispHoldDateApplied	dispHoldDateApplied	dateApplied	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Disposition Hold Date Applied	1					The date th A hold is defined as a	Date			
ERM	22	attribute	effectiveDate	effectiveDate	NoVariance	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Disposition Hold Effective Dat	1					The date th A hold is defined as a	Date			
ERM	23	attribute	dispHoldId	dispHoldId	identifier	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Disposition Hold Identifier	0.1					A unique id The identifier is unique	Identifier (ISO TC211)			
ERM	24	attribute	justification	justification	NoVariance	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Disposition Hold Justification	0.1					A legal, pol A hold is defined as a	Character String			
ERM	25	attribute	releasedDate	releasedDate	NoVariance	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Disposition Hold Released Dat	0.1					The date th A hold is defined as a	Date			
ERM	26	attribute	dispHoldType	dispHoldType	type	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Disposition Hold Type	1					The type o For example: financial	Records Hold Type Codelist			
ERM	27	assocRole	-na-	dispositionInformation	-na-	Disposition Hold (IC DES)	Record Disposition Informati	0.1					The dispos A disposition is an ac	Record Disposition (IC DES)			
ERM	28	datatype	-na-	RecordsHoldTypeCodelist	-na-	Records Hold Type Codelist						<<datatype>>	A codelist A hold is defined as a	http://api.nsgreg.nga.mil/co			
Maint.	1	entity	MD_MaintenanceInfo	MD_MaintenanceInfo	NoVariance	Resource Maintenance Information (ISO TC211)							Information about the scope and update frequency of				
Maint.	2	attribute	maintenanceAndUpdate	maintenanceAndUpdate	NoVariance	Resource Maintenance Inform	Resource Maintenance and U	0.1					The rate at Resource maintenanc	Maintenance Frequency Co			
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Maint.	5	attribute	maintenanceScope	maintenanceScope	NoVariance	Resource Maintenance Inform	Resource Maintenance Scope	0.*					A type and Maintenance includes	Scope (ISO TC211)			
Maint.	6	attribute	maintenanceNote	maintenanceNote	NoVariance	Resource Maintenance Inform	Resource Maintenance Note	0.*					Specific re For example, specific	Character String			
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Maint.	8	assocRole	-na-	resourceReference	-na-	Resource Maintenance Inform	Resource Reference	0.1	(Aggregation)				Information that identifies the res	Resource Metadata (ISO TC			
Maint.	9	assocRole	-na-	identifiedResource	-na-	Resource Maintenance Inform	Identified Resource	0.1	(Aggregation)				Information that uniquely identifies	Resource Identification (ISO			



# NSG Metadata Foundation (NMF) Version 2.2 vs. 3.0

## NMF v2.2 (2014)

- Discovery and Retrieval
- Conceptual Model
- Multi-part – mandatory and recommended
- Class 2 Profile of (subset and extended from) ISO 19115:2003/2006
- General profile
- New parts to provide new capabilities
- NAS independent

## NMF v3.0 (2016)

- Identification and Access
- Logical Model
- Single-part – mandatory and conditional
- Class 2 Profile of (complete and extended from) ISO 19115-1:2014 and ISO 19157: 2013
- Core profile
- New profiles build from growing core
- NAS inter-dependent



# NSG Application Schema v8.0

- Published Fall, 2016, enhanced and extended by GEOINT Content Standards Board (GCSB), NSG governance body
- “Emerging” Status in DISR, will replace mandated NAS v7.0
- Contains \*all\* of ISO 19115-1:2014, ISO 19157:2013
  - Recently enhanced with ISO 19115-2 (2017 FDIS)
- ALL NMF Multi-Part content **enhanced**, **tailored** to NSG mission, and **logically integrated** into NAS v8.0
  - Application Schema gained robust and synchronized metadata content
  - Metadata Foundation gained logical data model enhanced definitions



# Future Work

- Integrate/Maintain
  - ISO 19115-2 (if there are changes from FDIS)
  - ISO 19115-1 (2017 Amendment)
  - IC Data Encoding Specification Updates
  - Develop NMF 3.x
- Continue development of purpose-specific profiles for user community



# Questions?

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# Backup Slides



# NMF & NMIS v3.0

- **NMF v3.0 Identification and Access Profile (2016)**
  - Replaces all or part of NMF v2.2 Core Part 1, Part 3, Part 4, and Part 5\*
  - Contains **mandated** and **conditional** metadata tags **ONLY**
  - Datasets, Series, and Services (formerly Part 5 content)
  - Based on updated ISO and IC specifications
    - ISO **19115-1:2014**, ISO **19115-3:2016**, **ISO 19157:2013**
    - Extends ISO with required IC and NSG-Specific tags
  - DISR **emerging** standard
- **NSG Metadata Implementation Specification v3.0 (2016)**
  - Replaces NMIS v2.2
  - Represents the NMF v3.0-subset of the NAS v8.0 XML
  - DISR **emerging** standard



# NSG Metadata Foundation (NMF) Core Version History

- NSG Geospatial Core Metadata Profile 1.0 (Aug. 2007)
  - Minimum mandatory and recommended metadata
  - Subset profile of ISO 19115:2003.Cor. 1:2006 (and other ISO, IC, & DoD)
  - Cited as “emerging” but never “mandated” for use in IC & DoD acquisitions
- NMF Version 1.0 (April 2010)
  - Cited as an emerging standard for use in IC & DoD acquisitions
- NMF Version 2.0 (Dec. 2010)
  - First version “mandated” for use in IC & DoD acquisitions
- NMF Version 2.1 (Mar. 2012)
  - Revised to support data services
- NMF Version 2.2 (Sep. 2014)
  - Correction to version 2.1
  - Remains as “mandated” for use in IC & DoD acquisitions



# NSG Metadata Foundation (NMF) Version History (cont)

- NMF Version 3.0 (Aug. 2016)
  - [Minimum mandatory and conditional metadata](#) \*only\*
  - Profiled from NSG Applications Schema (NAS) version 8.0
  - NAS v8.0 [completely profiles](#) ISO19115-1:2014 and ISO 19157:2013 and relevant IC Specifications
  - Cited as an “emerging” standard for IC and DoD acquisitions



# Data and Metadata Convergence

- NMF (ISO + IC + NSG Extensions) integrated into [Enterprise Logical Data Model](#) (NSG Application Schema (NAS))
- ALL NMF Multi-Part content [enhanced](#), [tailored](#) to NSG mission, and [logically integrated](#) into NAS v8.0
  - NAS content gained robust and synchronized metadata content
  - NMF gained enhanced definitions and logical data model
- [NMF v3.0](#) became a [subset profile of the NAS](#) tailored to meet core mandatory metadata requirement to support cloud migration

