

FGDC Meeting
September 12, 2000
Notes to Members

Items of interest to UCGIS members

1. NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) 2000 awards: Members receiving awards include:
 - Don't Duck Metadata: San Diego State University: Richard Wright
University of Georgia: Christopher Romanek
 - Web Mapping Testbed: MIT: Joseph Ferreira Jr.
U. of North Carolina: Tim Johnson

Congratulations to our members! The 2001 CAP program will be announced in the fall 2000. Application submissions will be in early 2001. More information will be posted on <http://www.fgdc.gov>.

2. Geodata Alliance: A public-private partnership. Purposes and principals of the proposed new organization can be found at <http://www.geoall.net>. Information on the proposed structure of the organization, and implementation plans will be available by mid-October. It is expected that this will be a self-sustaining organization based on membership fees and contributions from participating organizations.
3. Ron Matzner from OMB reported on the town meetings held by OMB on NSDI. OMB is sponsoring a program to:
 - Determine the existing state of federal geodata holdings and update holdings by Oct 31, 2000.
 - Establish a Federal Partners team to focus on the financial and institutional barriers for effective collection and dissemination of geo-spatial data.
 - Establish state and regional framework implementation teams. The four state and local governments that have volunteered for the program are: North Carolina, New Jersey, Kentucky and metropolitan New York City.
 - Implementation of a financial solutions team to focus on reallocation of federal resources and to find private sector solutions.
 - A report on the status of the program will be presented at the Council for Excellence in Government session at the NSGIC meeting.
4. NSDI web portal. Purpose is to develop a single point of access for Federal geographic data, programs and other spatial resources. The portal is designed to complement the Clearinghouse by providing information about the data.
 - Phase 1, to be launched on October 1, 2000, is to identify existing Federal programs, provide a link across agencies, and build a search index and indexes. Information on grant funding opportunities will also be included. A catalog of community based proven practices and

lessons learned will be developed. The project will begin building a “geo-spatial Rolodex” for expert resources and contacts.

- Phase 2, implemented by December 31, 2000 includes identifying educational resources, training materials, tutorials, expand the content of the offerings, and offer a catalog of links to broader applications, tools and software resources.
- Phase 3, implementation early 2001 includes expansion beyond Federal resources to communities, NGOs, private sector: visual search capabilities and mapped interfaced. The GeoData Alliance may undertake this portion.