

Meeting Notes
County Data Producer Work Group
Monday, October 20, 2003
Richardson, Richter & Assoc., Inc. Offices

Members Present: Dave Drealan - Chair (Carver County), Jane Harper (Washington County), Bill Brown (Hennepin County), David Claypool (Ramsey County), Jim Hentges (Scott County) and Randy Knippel (Dakota County)

Members Absent: Gary Swenson (Anoka County)

Staff Present: Randall Johnson (MetroGIS) and Trudy Richter (Richardson, Richter & Assoc., Inc.)

Summary of September 17, 2003 meeting:

The document was circulated before the meeting for comment and is posted at <http://www.metrogis.org/data/datasets/parcels/index.shtml#private2>. No changes were suggested.

Chairman Drealan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Third Generation Data Sharing Agreement

Trudy Richter summarized the substantive changes from the agreement currently in effect:

- Academic and government interests beyond Minnesota would be eligible for access.
- Modified several definitions, including changing “Geographically-Referenced Data” to “Geospatial Data” and adding Regional GIS Project.
- Introduced concept of compensation for primary custodian responsibilities beyond internal needs.

After some discussion, the group agreed to limit academic and government interests eligible to those located in the United States to avoid potential issues with entities which are not subject to laws of the United States.

After considerable discussion, the group considered but rejected the option of separating the funding portion of the agreement from the portion that authorizes the Metropolitan Council to assemble and redistribute the regional parcel dataset to licensed entities. It was agreed that separation at this time most likely would not be politically acceptable. Richter agreed to redraft the agreement to soften the language in Section III to be more collegial and to incorporate a list of principles offered at the meeting by staff to guide allocation of MetroGIS’s data and access enhancement funds.

Everyone agreed to comment on the principles by Tuesday, October 21, if they had any issues. Johnson then agreed to share the staff report for the October 29 Policy Board meeting with the Workgroup for comment before distribution to the Board on October 23.

2. Common License – Collaborative Mechanism for Distribution of Parcel Data to Non-Government Interests

It was agreed to provide a project update to the Policy Board on October 29, stating that one county remains to endorse the common license. Everyone agreed it would be counterproductive to identify the county that has not yet agreed to the common license facilitated by Anoka County.

3. Report on ESRI Software License Policy

Knippel reported that he had spoken with Dan Falbo, with ESRI, at the GIS/LIS Conference held earlier this month. Falbo stated that he did not believe the counties using ESRI products to extract data to support the proposed regional mailing label application would present a licensing problem. If the software is not used to generate a profit, as opposed to covering costs of reproduction, ESRI is generally not concerned. Falbo encouraged Knippel to seek confirmation with ESRI’s Regional Director, Mike Johnson, once the proposed procedures are documented.

4. Next Meeting

Three options were offered:

- November 5, 9:30 a.m.
- November 14, 9:30 a.m.
- November 14, 1:00 p.m.

Staff agreed to query the full group to identify the best time for the greatest number of members.

5. Proposal from GEOSPAN

It was suggested that an invitation should be extended to GEOSPAN to attend the next meeting and present their proposal to the group.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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