



TO: Coordinating Committee

FROM: MetroGIS Staff Support Team
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SUBJECT: Information Sharing

DATE: March 4, 2010
(For the Mar 18th meeting)

Announcements and information provided by individuals other than the Staff Coordinator are so noted.

A) 2010 NSDI CAP GRANT APPLICATION

On January 6th, [application](#) was submitted for a \$50,000 grant offered by the Federal Geographic Data Coordinating Committee (FGDC) for a project entitled “**Measuring Public Value of Geospatial Commons: A MetroGIS Case**”. On March 3rd, staff received four clarification questions. Our [response](#) was submitted on March 4th. Announcement of award recipients is anticipated the week of March 8.

B) NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NGAC): MARCH 24-25 MEETING

At the time of this writing, the preliminary agenda for the March NGAC meeting had not been published. It is anticipated to be available the week of March 8.

<http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac/meetings/march-2010/index.html> Hennepin County Commissioner Randy Johnson has been [reappointed](#) to the NGAC. His initial two year term expired December 31, 2009.

C) METRO AND STATE GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES UPDATE

1) 2010 Geospatial Advisory Council meetings scheduled

- Statewide Council

Dates: March 31; June 30; Sept. 29; Dec. 29

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Place: Blazing Star Room, Ground Floor Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul

Directions: <http://www.gda.state.mn.us/resource.html?Id=16259>

Videoconferencing is available with at least 48 hours advance notice; see:

<http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/councils/videoconference.html>

- State Government Council

Dates: March 12; May 11; July 13; Sept. 14; Nov. 9

Time: 10:00 a.m. - noon (EXCEPT the March meeting which will be 1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Place: Nokomis Room, 3rd Floor Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul

Directions: <http://www.gda.state.mn.us/resource.html?Id=16259>

2) County GIS Planning/Interactive Mapping (Parks Planning)

A meeting was held on March 5 at 2:00 pm to talk about a potential county collaboration initiative to create a Parks and Trails mapping application. This effort has grown from conversations between counties about using SHIP grant dollars designated for this purpose. Instead of each county creating their own site, there are now talks about trying to share data and maybe create a common mapping application. This meeting is about determining the possibilities.

Scott and Carver County received this SHIP grant together and we are working on some things between us to utilize what Carver County has already created within their TRIP application – www.gocarvergo.org.

Members Slusarczyk and Knippel will be attending and have agreed to share the results with Committee members at the March 18 meeting. Topics to include:

- Share current plans and goals for each county
- Review a cross county interactive mapping system concept
- Discuss a standard data model
- Explore if a consistent interactive mapping platform is possible

Comment from John Slusarczyk: I've met with the Community Health folks here at Anoka County several times on this project. This has all happened rather quickly because they are looking to spend last year's SHIP money (I believe) and our work needs to be completed by June 30th. We're talking about doing something very similar to Carver Co's "GoCarverGo" site. Cindy Tranby had some conversations with Curt Peterson and it sounds like Ramsey is looking at a similar application as well.

Cindy had the idea of talking to all the metro counties about a collaborative effort which I thought made sense. I told her to contact Mark and/or Randy to possibly get MetroGIS involved as well. This meeting is intended to get GIS/Community Health staff together from the various counties to discuss similar applications and whether a metro-wide application would be a possibility.

- 3) **MetroGIS highlighted for [CTS Study](#)** - Transitway Data Management Project.
- 4) **The Dakota County Winter 2010 GIS Newsletter** has been posted to the Dakota County website. You can view it by clicking on this link:
<http://www.dakotacounty.us/Departments/GIS/Newsletter/default.htm>.
- 5) **LOGISmap Offered on Public Site**
LOGISmap has been the "flagship" example of browser-based GIS for the consortium. It lightly integrates with the consortium's property data and permitting systems, as well as a variety of data tables and document imaging systems, allowing city staff to geographically acquire necessary business information, investigate spatial relationships, produce simple map/report products, and compile mailings for city business. The functionality is now available for public use. For more information, see
<http://www.mngisli.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=521>

D) NATIONAL/FEDERAL GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES UPDATE

- 1) **CRS [Report](#) Published Geospatial Information and Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Current Issues and Future Challenges.** In July 2009, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) of the Library of Congress has published a report on Geospatial and GIS issues facing Congress. An updated version published in February focuses on governance, FGDC, NSDI and NGAC issues.
- 2) **National Address Standard.** A national standard has been posted at <http://www.urisa.org/about/initiatives/addressstandard>. The Address Workgroup will be reviewing MetroGIS's preliminary address specifications against these proposed national specifications.
- 3) **Scholarly Peer-Reviewed [Article](#) entitled "NSDI Building Blocks: Regional GIS in the United States".**
- 4) **NextGov article on cloud computing:** "Federal CIO Unveils Cloud Computing Storefront" at http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20090915_9173.php
- 5) **NSGIC Speaks: Practical Measures to Make Data Sharing Happen.** On February 9th, Linda Wayne released the [results of a survey](#) she conducted Data Sharing Issues: What Works and What Doesn't
- 6) **USGIF – Member of COGO.** The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) announced it was unanimously voted into the full membership of the Coalition of

Geospatial Organizations (COGO) during a meeting at the ASPRS/MAPPS 2009 Conference.

- 7) **Paper Published: [Web 2.0 And Homeland Security: Ending The Fragmentation Of The Practitioner Community](#)**
- 8) **British Ordnance Survey maps to go free online.** For more information, see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2009/nov/17/ordnance-survey-maps-online>

D) PRESENTATIONS / OUTREACH / STUDIES (*not mentioned elsewhere*)

- 1) **Articles / Presentations - none**
- 2) **Publications: - none**