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**I. Presentations:**

- A. Andrew Brenner, GM Sanborn Solutions: “Automated Land Cover and Land Use Products and Applications” (see PowerPoint on GISCC website)
- B. Joe Stark, Sanborn Regional Sales Manager: “LIDAR”
- C. <http://www.sanborn.com>

**II. GIS in Georgia Update**

- A. GTA’s organizational structure changing. GIS not enough of a priority to be mentioned in IT component of Georgia’s Strategic Plan.
- B. Alternative: submit statements from state agencies discussing need for GIS Office of Planning and Budget

**III. Brainstorm**

- A. Needs:



- a. oversight committee with representation in higher levels of government
  - b. Agency ELA
  - c. Geographic Information Officer
- B. Suggestion: begin the discussion re: GIS started from the start at OPB
- a. Example from Nebraska. Incredibly difficult to obtain cabinet level GIO. Rather, each agency appointed a GIS decision maker who reported to a Coordinator. The Coordinator took GIS related issues directly to Governor.
  - b. Statement: Georgia does not have strong agency coordination for GIS
  - c. Nebraska demonstrated that significant data duplication was occurring
  - d. BLLIP project has demonstrated necessity of eliminating duplication of effort
  - e. 5 to 10 agencies needed to form a recognized GIS Community of Interest
- C. Summary statement:
- a. The State of Georgia does not have strong agency coordination for GIS activities.
    - i. Ability to leverage federal dollars. Ex: current coastal LIDAR cost share project
    - ii. Minimizing duplication of effort. Ex: software license purchasing GIS is a technology that cross-cuts every agency, comparable to IT and administrative services.

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