

GISCC Meeting Minutes
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Department of Community Affairs

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Introductions

Geospatial Liaison Report

Keith McFadden of USGS stated that the Coastal RDC received an award for coastal LIDAR data. A meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2008 – anyone interested is invited to attend.

ITOS

Eric McCrae mentioned that ITOS is migrating toward SDE and web services for data distribution. Input from the Georgia GIS community is welcome.

From the Chair

Danielle Ayan will modify the GISCC listserv so that “reply” doesn’t reply to the entire list.

The GISCC is now a non-voting member of the Georgia CIO Council.

Danielle and Frank Howell met with Hannah Heck, the Policy Director for the Office of the Governor to advocate for coordinated GIS in Georgia. The goals, among others, include formal recognition for GISCC and sustained funding for the Clearinghouse. Danielle and Frank addressed questions from Ms. Heck, including:

What is the role of government agencies versus commercial entities?
Why don't state agencies "farm out" GIS activities?
If Georgia had a Geographic Information Officer (GIO), who would he/she report to?
Why is coordinated GIS necessary?
What is the federal/state relationship?
What makes a healthy GIS program?
The outcome of the meeting was Ms. Heck's deferral to Patrick Moore, the Executive Director and State Chief Information Officer for GTA.

GIS in Practice Showcase

Teague Buchanan of the Georgia Department of Transportation and Carl Anderson of Fulton County gave presentations on GIS activities at their respective agencies. These presentations will be posted on the GISCC website at <http://gis.state.ga.us/Coordination/GISCC/giscc.shtml>.

CAP Grant/GIS Strategic Plan

To obtain input for the Plan from stakeholders who cannot attend meetings, Danielle will provide an online survey.

Clearinghouse

GTA will continue to fund the Clearinghouse at least through FY09. Danielle has a developer and graphic designer working now to upgrade the Georgia Spatial Data Infrastructure page.