



Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2009

Call to order: 1:30pm

Introductions

Presentations: Eric McRae, ITOS and the GISCC, presented some of his work at ITOS with GA Agencies. One is with Emergency Management Authority (GEMA) on the hazard mitigation plan for 2011. This will build on the work with GA DOC for management of their facilities. Web services are the key technology underlying this. Autodesk Map Guide is the mapping engine. Site for GDOC is in beta but will be finalized soon. Works with the BLIP database. The GMIS (GA Mitigation Info System) is being leveraged against the GDOC site's technology. Again, the key underlying technology driving this system is web services. ITOS is using the commercial version of Autodesk Mapguide rather than the open source version. McRae feels that the commercial version is far superior to the open source version. Most GA counties are participating in this statewide mitigation effort. ITOS has deployed the services component of this project so that it is scalable and can be used to make available many different information elements. The overall load on ITOS' web servers has been minimal.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: changed the ELA and purchasing agreement language; approved with changes.

Committee Reports: Chair Buchanan gave an overview of the Objectives for 2010 of the GISCC. There was a handout of these objectives: Strategic Plan, Business Plan, and Milestone List. The emphases of these objectives was discussed, such as the focus on state and local government agencies, and that the private sector and non-government sector should also be included in the Committee's objectives for the year.

A discussion of First American Corporation's parcel data acquisition in GA was held. It was decided that this issue should result in an invitation to the FAC to present their program to the GISCC. E. McRae led a discussion of ATC's data collection strategy and how GA could do it better in concert with the State Legislature regarding the reduction of fee charges by county and local governments but with assistance to those bodies in their cost for development.

A broad set of issues will be circulated to the GIS-CC listserv for discussion in future meetings.

The Wimba system of the BOR is being tested for implementation at the next meeting. It will be announced via the GIS-CC with access instructions for remote participants.

No report from the Strategic Planning Committee (D. Ayan).

Data Frameworks Committee: Keith McFadden of USGS gave a report. The major initiatives of this Committee are moving along in a positive direction. For instance, FEMA money for EPD work is contingent but should the work should be flown by the Spring of 2010. Water planning outreach is ongoing in North GA. The ARC is using the USGS vendor selection mechanism for their Winter 2009 color ortho & LiDar data acquisition. A question was asked about contours being available from these data and the answer is yes, pending no budget constraints. NAIP USDA project is progressing; notes about this are shipped to the listserv by T. Buchanan.

Education Committee: C. Semerjian did not have a formal report but solicited participants for the committee. He wants to leverage work done through the GeoTech consortium on "articulation" of collegiate courses.



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Outreach Committee: No report (C. Chalmers).

Current Business: The OSM mapping party is ongoing with need for registration. GIS-CC has endorsed the work by the Open Street Map consortium and the company Cloudmade. It was noted that the UGA 4-H Program has officially joined the OSM “Atlanta Initiative” as a contributing partner as has the Technology Association of GA. After a motion by F. Howell, it was unanimously agreed that the GIS-CC be the official “host” for the acknowledgement when Atlanta becomes the most digitally mapped city in the world but would bear no expense. Howell assured the GIS-CC that this would be communicated to Cloudmade and the OSM team but that this “hosting” activity for a high profile audience, possibly including the Mayor of Atlanta and the Governor of GA, would be highly beneficial for the promotion of geospatial activity in Georgia.

Informational Announcements: GA URISA has an upcoming annual training workshop (announced via listserv).

Adjourned: 3:15pm