

GISCC - Elevation TWG  
Minutes - June 20th, 2011

- Meeting start: 10:00am
- Introductions
- It has been estimated that it would take 3 years to complete LiDAR for the entire state
  - 1 potential problem is that budget cycles vary widely between different governments.
  - The current goal is to concentrate on the 2011/2012 cycle
  - In time move on to the 2012/2013 cycle
- The group is currently looking to put together stand-alone events for the LiDAR 101 class
  - 2 locations are currently planned: north Georgia & south Georgia
  - 2 sessions: 1 for officials & 1 for GIS professionals/techs/specialists
  - 1 option for content would be to adapt the LiDAR web application NOAA developed
  - Possibility of the could be used for technical certification for officials through ACCG
  - Possibility of incorporating training into existing events
  - ACCG is wants to coordinate with RCs
  - Timeframe for class: no later than first week in November
  - Possible vendor involvement for a social event
  - Incorporate Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)
  - Present plan for LiDAR 101 at next meeting
  - What are the available venues for training?
    - State Parks
- The group discussed who may have funding as this is one of the determining factors
  - State agency contributions with recovery fro local governments as acquisition cycles through
  - Possible state agencies:
    - DNR, GEMA, GEFA, DOT, Agriculture, Forestry
  - What would the Return On Investment (ROI) be? Provide examples
  - What is the ROI at the national level
  - States in position to have a coordinated effort for matching funds would likely have a much greater chance for Federal-partnered projects
  - The Economic Development Agency could be a possible source of funding
    - Focus on rural areas
    - Interested in "Innovative Initiatives"
    - Potentially up to \$1,000,000 funding
  - There is need for verifiable estimates on the costs for LiDAR
    - From all levels of government
    - Plan to have these estimates at next meeting
  - Provide costs for LiDAR/Aerial Photography to GGAC
    - GGAC could report costs to the Legislature

- The Regional Commissions (RCs) polled counties for need assessment/willingness to participate in a statewide LiDAR and Aerial Photography acquisition initiative. The survey was to be completed by July 15th.
  - This was done using a 1-page survey with the intention of keeping it simple
  - The survey was broken out into two sections including the following questions:
    - Aerial Photography
      - Most recent acquisition?
      - Resolution?
      - Was it in partner with Local/State/Federal Government?
      - Is acquisition planned in the next 3 years?
      - If so, through partnership?
      - Is community interested in partnering for future acquisitions?
    - LiDAR
      - Is LiDAR available?
      - Year of acquisition?
      - Resolution?
      - Was it in partner with Local/State/Federal Government?
      - Is acquisition planned in the next 3 years?
      - If so, through partnership?
      - Is community interested in partnering for future acquisitions?
- Next meeting: July 27th, Covington
- End: 11:50 am

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