

GISCC - Elevation TWG
Minutes - July 27th, 2011

- Meeting start: 10:20am
- Introductions
- Ernie Smith made a presentation on the status of LiDAR in Georgia
 - Provided statistics for LiDAR by county and major river basin
 - LiDAR costs based on \$300/ square mile
 - Approx. \$11,223,300 to complete statewide coverage
 - Stressed the importance of accurate elevation data for accurate flood boundaries
 - Analysis on the LiDAR status of each county and their respective populations
 - Calculation of costs per person by county
 - Cost per person when grouped by RC
- In response to the LiDAR/Ortho survey conducted by the RCs 88 counties have responded
 - RCs hope to get additional responses to the survey
- Discussion of LiDAR classes
 - Further discussion of locations and structure
 - Unicoi & Little Ocmulgee State Parks were discussed
 - State Parks has provided costs for these facilities
 - 2nd week of November most likely the earliest time
 - Need to check with URISA on which workshops will be conducted (LiDAR was one choice)
 - Call for sponsors for the workshop
 - Conference call on August 15th (E. Smith, B. Lanford, K. McFadden, T. Jackson, J. Stapel)
 - Decision was made to reschedule the LiDAR classes until spring 2012
 - The group believes that the classes would be competing with too many other conferences occurring in the same timeframe
 - Budget constraints may limit participation
- Discussion of potential partners, funding sources, and partnerships
 - What is the timeline through 2017?
 - LiDAR acquisition would be an infrequent, albeit expensive, expense for many counties
 - Identify benefits for the various local & county governments
 - Some, such as improved flood boundaries, may not be readily apparent to all government officials & citizens
 - FEMA may reduce funding in the future

- D. Wills attended a Stewart County meeting where there was a discussion of potential land purchase by the US Army for Fort Benning
 - Army needs to know the terrain prior to purchasing
 - Would they be willing to provide funds for LiDAR?
 - Would they be willing to participate in the statewide effort?
- Leverage all available funds
- Majority of money needs to come from Fed/State in order to increase local government participation
- State provides approx. \$96,000,000 to counties for transportation
 - Could a portion of this funding be used for LiDAR/Ortho
- Set up MOU(s) between state agencies to create one Point of Contact for LiDAR

Meeting end: 12:00 noon

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