

**GISCC - Elevation TWG
Minutes - August 26th, 2011**

- Meeting start: 10:05am
- Introductions
- The USGS is focusing on the ACF (Apalachicola/Chattahoochee/Flint) Basin thru it's Watersmart program
 - ACF is one of their national "basins of interest"
 - Want LiDAR for entire basin
 - Want to study water use, ecology
 - Possible funding from Science & Geospatial programs
- USGS would like to create partnerships with all three states (Georgia, Florida, Alabama)
- The USGS Geospatial Liaisons for Alabama & Mississippi (George Heleine), and Florida (Louis Driber) attended the meeting and provided information on the status of LiDAR and elevation in their respective states.
- Florida
 - Interested in modeling the lower ACF Basin
 - The Northwest Water Planning District acquired LiDAR thru NOAA via FEMA funds
 - Data is available thru the National Map
 - Ortho-imagery acquired for approx. 1/3 of state each year
 - Federal funding is \$500,000
- Alabama
 - Several counties have acquired LiDAR
 - None are willing to make the data public at this point
 - Slowly pulling state agencies together for LiDAR
 - Underway with planning for 2013
 - Urban areas in 2013
 - 20 counties in 2012
- Update on ARC project(s), (Tim Maguire)
 - Flights scheduled for 2013
 - Open to any county willing to participate
 - Ortho-Imagery most likely 4-band
 - Counties pick vendor(s)
- SAGIS is working on ortho-imagery for coastal counties for 2013
- Update on the LiDAR/Imagery survey conducted by the RCs
 - Still gathering responses (goal is 100%)
 - The importance of 100% response was stressed at the recent RC GIS meeting

- Fort Benning / US Army look as though they will not be a source of LiDAR funding for the Fort and surrounding counties
- NRCS interests/information (Joe Perry, Athens office)
 - NRCS has end-of-year money
 - Looking to acquire LiDAR
 - Some idea of priority areas
 - Possibly interested in partnerships
 - There is interest at the county level (soil surveys)
 - NRCS will try to reach out to these counties
- Current LiDAR projects
 - USGS processing LiDAR for Harris and Heard Counties
 - Some funds may be available for additional work
- Conferences/Workshops
 - GARC has asked for a LiDAR presentation
 - Working with the RC GIS group
 - Date is November 9th (Confirm)
 - ACCG meeting
 - Try to incorporate LiDAR into training
 - Target to specific audience (e.g. ACF counties)
 - Focus on these two meetings (LiDAR workshops moved to next spring)
- Prioritize LiDAR acquisition on the AFC Basin counties
 - Upper Chattahoochee is mostly completed
 - Cobb and Lumpkin Counties both have LiDAR but it is not to specifications
 - Cobb LiDAR is photo-derived
 - Douglas County interested in LiDAR
 - Possible to acquire in flight season?
 - Troup County may be interested
 - Existing LiDAR not to specifications
 - Photo-derived
 - Plan to set up meetings with Flint and Lower Chattahoochee counties
 - E. Smith, D. Wills, and C. Brown (J. Nolan, Confirm) have agreed to attend these meetings
 - Will also include appropriate RC representative(s)
- Additional topics
 - Add TWG information to the DCA monthly letter
 - Processing & sharing LiDAR data
 - Brief discussion of collaboration between county and state gov't to process and potentially share data
 - Additional discussion needed

- End: 12:00pm

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