US Interior Department Seeks Nominations for NGAC

US Interior Deputy Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett has announced the formation of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). The Interior Department is currently seeking nominations for membership on the new advisory group. The NGAC will advise the Federal government on the management of national geospatial programs and the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).

The NSDI promotes sharing of geospatial data throughout all levels of government, the private and non-profit sectors, and the academic community. The Committee will provide advice and recommendations on Federal geospatial policy and management issues and provide a forum to convey views representative of our partners in the geospatial community. The Committee is being formed by the Department of the Interior on behalf of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

The NGAC will include approximately 20 to 25 members, who will be selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various partners involved in national geospatial activities. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint Committee members and their alternates to the Committee to serve 2-year terms.

Nominations for Committee membership should be submitted electronically to ngacnominations@fgdc.gov by 28th June 2007. Nominations should include:

- 1. A statement summarising the nominee's qualifications and interest in Committee membership and describing the nominee's ability to represent a stakeholder group.
- 2. A biographical sketch, resume, or vita.
- 3. A list of three references or endorsements.
- 4. Contact information for the nominee.

Final selection and appointment of Committee members will be made by the Secretary of the Interior. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, members may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses incurred while attending Committee meetings in accordance with the Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

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