2009 Washington State/National Agriculture Imagery Program (WA/NAIP)

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Purpose of Appearance
Provide the Committee accomplishments, milestones, and status of the Washington State/National Agriculture Imagery Program (WA/NAIP) 2009 project including status of fund raising.

Status
The primary emphasis of work since the previous ISB/GIT meeting in December has been on raising funds to expand the project from just agriculture lands in the state to a statewide project. Specific funding related accomplishments include:

- Verbal commitments of approximately $300,000 have been received from Federal, state, county and Tribal organizations toward the standard color one-meter ortho-image product.
- Additional verbal commitments of approximately $100,000 have been received to be used exclusively for the color infrared band buy-up and enhanced resolution (1.5 ft or 2 ft. resolution) buy-up.
- Washington's $300,000 commitment along with funding FSA has received directly from Federal agencies is sufficient to fund a statewide project with the standard NAIP image specification (one meter color (three-band) imagery).
- Buy-up costs for the infrared band and enhanced resolution will not be known until after FSA receives bids from vendors. FSA sends out vendor task orders in February to their ten qualified vendors. Responses are due in March.
- WA/NAIP Planning Committee continues its fund raising efforts for the buy-ups. Once costs are known, we will work with FSA and the vendor selected for the Washington state project to determine if we have sufficient resources for any buy-ups.
- The WA/NAIP Planning Committee is working on formalizing verbal commitments made by partners (currently 30+) into encumbered commitments in the form of Purchase Orders and Agreements.
- DNR is working on the contract with FSA.

Background
In September of 2008 the WA/NAIP Planning Committee reactivated after the Farm Services Agency decided to schedule a project in Washington to collect aerial photography and produce ortho-imagery of agricultural lands in Washington. The WA/NAIP Planning Committee focused on the following items since its re-activation:

- Washington's share to "buy-up" the coverage from agriculture lands to complete statewide coverage is $695,000. This number includes funds that have historically come from the headquarters of Federal agencies so the Washington NAIP Planning Committee does not have to raise the entire amount.

- Strategy for fund raising is developed by the committee and lead responsibilities are "assigned" (volunteers). There is a lead person for contacting Federal agencies, state agencies, county agencies, Tribes, universities, non-profits and private organizations.
- NAIP Planning Committee has a website with basic information. The location is http://wagic.wa.gov/2009_wa_naip/default.htm.

Issues/Actions
The next issue for the WA/NAIP Committee will be finding additional funds for the color infrared and enhanced resolution "buy-ups".

Next Steps
The WA/NAIP Planning Committee is focused on:

- Additional fund raising efforts aimed at infrared and resolution buy-up costs.
- Formalizing commitments into purchase orders and agreements.
- Completing the contract with FSA and formalization all Partner commitments between Partners and DNR (or directly through FSA).
- Technical and contracting coordination work with FSA, the FSA vendor and contributing partners.
- Establishing data processing, duplication and distribution processes once the 2009 data arrives.

Staff Recommendations to the Committee
The WA/NAIP Planning Committee is still seeking funds from each state agency that has not contributed to the 2009 project and additional funds for the "buy-ups".

Previous Appearances Before the Committee
January 16, 2007: Provided the Committee with the status report of the 2006 WA/NAIP and to seek approval to explore alternative options for building and funding the orthoimagery infrastructure.
December 3, 2008: Provided the Committee with a status report on the 2009 NAIP Project.