Geographic Information Technology Committee
February 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Department of Information Services
1110 Jefferson Building
Olympia, Washington

Members Present:
Tracy Guerin (Chair, DIS)
Jim Eby (DFW)
Carol Fleskes (ECY)
Pat Gebhardt (DNR)
David Jennings (DOH)
Lynne McGuire (OFM)
Dan Russ (MIL)
Vicki Smith (DOR)
George Spencer (DOT)
Ian Von Essen (WAGIC Chair)

Members Absent:
Glenn Anderson (Washington State Representative)
Alan Mikuni (USGS)
Frank Westrum (DOH)

Roll Call	Tracy Guerin, Department of Information Services (DIS) and Geographic Information Technology (GIT) Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. A sufficient number of members were present to constitute a quorum.
Approval of the Minutes	**Motion:** The Committee moved to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2008 GIT Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
Geographic Information Technology Commitee	**Motion:** The Committee moved to appoint Vikki Smith from Department of Revenue and Lynne McGuire from Office of Financial Management as voting members of the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
Mapping Washington Surface Water Hydrography Project	Rick Jordan, Department of Ecology (ECY), gave a report on the Mapping Washington Surface Water Hydrography Project. He requested an extention for ECY to serve as the interim hydrography data steward for the duration of the project until a permanent steward is appointed. **Motion:** The Committee moved to extend ECY's interim stewardship until a permanent steward is appointed. Motion passed unanimously.
2009 Washington State/National Agricultural Imagery Program	George Spencer, Department of Transportation (WSDOT), gave a status report on the Washington State National Agricultural Imagery Program (WA/NAIP). He explained that a vendor has yet to be selected although the following

funding related accomplishments have been determined:

- Verbal commitments of approximately $300,000 have been received from federal, state, county, and tribal organizations toward the standard color one-meter orthoimagery 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 foot or 2 foot resolution).
- Washington's $300,000 commitment, along with funding the Farm Services Agency (FSA) has received directly from federal agencies is sufficient to fund a statewide project with the standard NAIP image specification.
- Buy-up costs for the infrared band and enhanced resolution will not be known until after FSA receives bids from vendors. FSA sent out vendor task orders in February 2009 to their ten qualified vendors. Responses are due in March 2009.
- WA/NAIP Planning Committee continues its fundraising efforts for the buy-ups. Once costs are known, WSDOT will work with FSA and the vendor selected for the Washington State project to determine if sufficient resources for any buy-ups will be available.
- The WA/NAIP Planning Committee is working on formalizing verbal commitments made by partners into encumbered commitments in the form of purchase orders and agreements.
- Department of Natural Resources is working on the contract with FSA.

Washington Transporation Framework for Geographic Information Service Project

Tami Griffin, WSDOT, gave a status report on the Washington Transportation Framework for Geographic Information Services Project (WA-Trans). Two major pilots have been completed. She explained that most of the infrastructure to support long-term maintenance of the data has been developed in prototypes and work has begun on a partial implementation of a statewide roads only networks. Ms. Griffin also gave an update on some projects that are currently underway:

- The Washington Traffic Safety Commission and WSDOT Highways and local programs office are funding a seven-county implementation for the purpose of providing a street-centerline base map for use in Collision Reporting System. Future goals for this system include use in law enforcement vehicles statewide through the Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Reporting application in partnership with Washington State Patrol.

- The United States Geological Survey has funded a cooperative agreement to develop an Eastern Regional Dataset.
- Work on WA-Trans software and infrastructure in support of updates and maintenance of statewide data continues. Both a Data User Portal and a Data Provider Portal are being tested. Work to support development of data transformation has been successfully completed. Work on change detection and change management as well as automated question answer/question comment processes is also taking place. Much of the software and infrastructure has been funded by a Transportation Pool Fund study and WSDOT.

Washington State Inforamtion Council

Ian Von Essen, Washington State Geographic Information Council (WAGIC) Chair, gave report on the WAGIC Council. He explained that after reviewing the existing Charters of the Geographic Information Technology (GIT) Committee, WAGIC, and Framework Management Group (FMG), the present chain of reporting between these committees and groups is consistent with WAGIC's understanding and the documented diagrams as outlined in the Orthoimagery Governance Documents. The FMG Charter states the following, *"The FMG first convened in April 1996 and functions as a permanent subcommittee to the Washington Geographic Information Council (WAGIC)".*

Use of Third Party Mapping Tools in State Government

Patrick Gebhardt, DNR, discussed the use of Third Party Mapping Tools in state government. He explained that use of products like Google Earth, Google Maps, and Microsoft Virtual Earth can be very useful within state government. These products can be easily downloaded by staff and many copies are being used by staff within the state. It is essential that the state develop a policy, and possibly standards, concerning the use of these types of products. Until this is accomplished the state will be at risk of violating published license agreements.

The Committee directed staff to gather more information from the vendors; once completed, a conference call will be scheduled with members of the Committee.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.