

FGDC Subcommittee on Cadastral Data

Vision and Working Principles
Adopted in 2002 – Clarified in 2006

Vision

Improve the availability, currency and quality of real property information to support decision making at all levels of government and industry.

Decision makers and interested parties will be able to access and use property information to meet their ongoing land record needs as well as regional needs such as strategic planning and response to emergency situations. The property information at their fingertips will be comprehensive and current including detailed information about who owns the land and what are the limitations and restrictions to use. The information will be readily accessible, locally maintained, and may reside among organizations at distributed locations. By providing community leaders with better more comprehensive information we are enabling them to make better decisions related to facilitating economic growth, authorizing the use of land resources, maintaining livable communities and responding more effectively to emergency situations.

Partnerships

Partnerships and collaboration are an absolutely critical element in attaining the vision of a National Cadastral Data Infrastructure. Thus an environment for coordination and collaboration where all participants have an equal say is essential. Issues are discussed openly and objectively. Collaboration is the working policy in our approach in implementing the standard and providing direction. Local and state government representatives are encouraged to speak openly and take leadership roles. The Subcommittee for Cadastral Data has also embraced a larger community for insight and guidance that is discussed openly, debated, and acted upon once consensus has been reached. Coordination is critical to the success of this initiative and communication is the cornerstone of coordination.

Participation Principles

1. Membership is open to anyone who expresses an interest - encouraged for key areas- proactive
2. Communication is frequent and substantive - regular calls - action items and follow up.
3. Meeting places move around the country and almost never within the Washington DC beltway. In the past meetings have been hosted by counties, cities, states, non-government organizations and the private sector.
4. Meeting scheduling is based on polling the membership and is not set by one agency

5. Meeting notes are generated for every meeting - including conference calls and are sent to all members and put on web sites.
6. Leadership is based on facilitation and consensus. No votes are taken or needed because we worked on consensus.
7. Technical papers are written for journals and newsletters.
8. Listening sessions are held at all major national GIS and surveying conferences.
9. Responses are developed for all comments.
10. A discussion list is provided and maintained.
11. Standards have a documented maintenance process that results in enhancements to the standards every two years. Changes to standards are documented so people can track what is changing as the standards evolve.