



Memorandum of Endorsement

Background: The State of Alaska, in cooperation with the federal government, understands and supports the requirements necessary to create a high resolution map of the state. This high resolution map will be derived using various products produced by commercially available imaging and sensing platforms. The lead state agencies supporting this initiative are the University of Alaska and the Departments of Military and Veterans' Affairs and Natural Resources. To foster the oversight, management and planning required to facilitate this initiative these three agencies will develop the required concepts under the titled name of the "Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative" (SDMI).

Legal Authority: This agreement is entered into under the authority of 33 U.S.C. 883a, which authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (NOAA/National Ocean Service/National Geodetic Survey) to conduct geodetic-control surveys and geomagnetic, seismological, gravity, and related geophysical measurements and investigations, and observations for the determination of variation in latitude and longitude, and which authorizes the Secretary (NOAA/National Ocean Service/National Geodetic Survey) to enter into cooperative agreements, or any other agreements, with, and to receive and expend funds made available by, any State or subdivision thereof, any Federal agency, or any public or private organization, or individual, for surveys or investigations authorized herein, or for performing related surveying and mapping activities, including special-purpose maps, and for the preparation and publication of the results thereof.

Understanding: It is understood that the SDMI will provide the leadership and oversight necessary to ensure success of this initiative. It is also understood that the far-reaching cost benefits derived from such an undertaking are enormous; however, the initial investment in project management, ancillary personnel support costs and funding may be very extensive. In order to secure formal cooperation and support for this project, the State has elected to request teaming partners and stakeholders to sign a Memorandum of Endorsement (MOE).

Intent: To ensure a long term, cooperative partnership between the respective users of this geospatial data the signatory to this MOE acknowledges the following understandings:

- a) there is a need for a statewide initiative to map the state;
- b) this mapping initiative will benefit many elements in the public and private sector;
- c) the mapping of the state will be to a set of nationally recognized standards;
- d) the data will be shared between all users to improve the development of the state be it from an economic, public safety, resource development/protection, planning or scientific perspective;
- e) all repurposing of the original data will be, where legally permissible, shared with other members supporting this initiative through their formal acknowledgement of this MOE;



f) an expansion of the SDMI Strategic Plan, addressing critical geodetic and remote sensing technical issues required to accurately map Alaska, will be pursued in due course with the direct involvement of NOAA's National Geodetic Survey; and

g) this agreement does not obligate the parties to expend funds. Should the parties agree in the future that it is necessary for the Department of Commerce/NOAA/NOS/National Geodetic Survey to exchange funds with the other parties to this MOE to accomplish the goals of this MOE and such funding is available, separate agreements will be executed in order to accomplish that exchange.

Acceptance: By signature to this MOE the agency/organization accepts the intent of this initiative and agrees to support this concept.

Withdraw: Any signatory to this MOE may withdraw their support by providing thirty (30) day written notice to the SDMI.

Signature: I accept the terms and conditions of this MOE.



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