

Memorandum of Endorsement Statewide Mapping Project

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 "Geospatial Information Coalition" (GIC).

Understanding: It is understood that the GIC 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, and;
- 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.

Acceptance: By signature to this MOE the agency/organization accepts the intent of this initiative and agrees to support this concept with the resources available to them individually or collectively.

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

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

Signature: _____

Title: Commissioner

Organization, Affiliation or Company: Alaska Dept. Fish & Game

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Date: Aug 29, 2006

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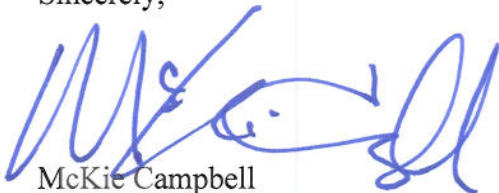
Mr. Nicholas Mastrodicasa
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Dear Mr. Mastrodicasa:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game fully supports efforts by the Departments of Natural Resources, Military and Veterans Affairs and the University of Alaska to create a high resolution map of Alaska under the leadership of the Geospatial Information Coalition.

Such a map will be very useful for the Department of Fish and Game, as well as other State and Federal resource management agencies. A signed copy of the Memorandum of Endorsement is enclosed.

Sincerely,



McKie Campbell
Commissioner