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DOD Liaison Committee Meeting Notes

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MK Miles,	HQ USACE
Don Evick,	HQ USACE
Nancy Blyer	HQ USACE
Col. Brian Cullis	OSD

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Scott Perkins	Western Air Maps, Chair
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Herb Gauch	Erdman Anthony
Dave Hart	Continental Mapping
Richard Leadbeater	ESRI
Robert Mark	Air Land Surveys
Kurt Starr	Space Imaging
Jeff Padgett	GRW Aerial Surveys
Brian Raber	Merrick & Company
Eric Sandberg	BAE Systems
Stan Palinski	GEOD Corp.
Mike Tully	Aerial Services
Jerry Stewart	TVGA Consultants

Agenda

1. Using GSA schedules for the procurement of geo-spatial and mapping services
2. Policing and enforcing adherence to the Brooks Act
3. Advocating the use of the Brooks Act to other Federal agencies
4. Aerial acquisition activities for emergency response to Natural Disasters & other events
 - a. USACE – NOAA response to recent hurricanes
5. The new SF-330 form
6. Proposed FAR changes on definition of Surveying and Mapping

Notes

Using GSA schedules for the procurement of geo-spatial and mapping services

Perkins asked for comments on the recent procurement activity in the USACE NWD, Omaha District using GSA schedule for GIS services.

Miles confirmed the USACE's commitment to using the Brooks ACT for A-E Surveying and Mapping Services, Evick commented that it was primarily an IT services request, and therefore allowable as a bid.

Further discussions on the specific labor disciplines (GIS analyst, GIS specialist, etc.) requested and the common knowledge that those disciplines perform mapping and surveying functions.....

Col. Cullis commented that the Air Force Geo-Base program was initially viewed as an IT category using a schedule procurement. In the Air Force a base GIS is viewed as an IT asset. On going Geo-Base work and updates are being procured under the Brooks Act guidelines, the decision on how to procure is in the hands of the Geo-Base office or in the hands of the Base Civil Engineer.

Policing and enforcing adherence to the Brooks Act

The govt. Agencies have no system in place to proactively monitor or enforce adherence to the Brooks Act. This task is best served by a diligent effort by MAPPS membership.....

The USACE has prepared document EP 715-1-7, and Appendix on Surveying, Mapping and Geospatial Services, which assists in the definition of which services are considered to fall under the Brooks Act. MK Miles suggests that when procurements are identified that are potential violations that the contracting officer identified in the announcement be contacted and that it may be appropriate to provide them EP 715-1-7. If no resolution is evident then MK suggests the issue be directed to MAPPS Exec. Director, who should review the situation and if deemed warranted will then bring it to MK's attention.

Advocating the use of the Brooks Act to other Federal agencies

Col. Cullis informed the committee of an upcoming event which will serve as a good venue for MAPPS to educate all the DoD agencies on the Brooks Act requirements. OSD Symposium, May 1-5th, Norfolk, Va. Exhibitors, papers, presentations, etc. Announcement forthcoming from Col. Cullis and will provided to MAPPS for announcement on the web page.

Aerial acquisition activities for emergency response to Natural Disasters and other events

a. USACE – NOAA response to recent hurricanes

The USACE's Nancy Blyer provided a detailed briefing on their recent procurement for aerial imagery of Hurricane damage from Francis, Ivan and Jeanne, conducted for FEMA. ([click here for Nancy's Power Point](#)) USACE used the IDIQ contracts in place with the ST Louis district, MAPPS member firm BAE-ADR received the tasking. Collection was performed using an ADS-40, deliver was fro geo-referenced imagery – not ortho rectified, meta data was also provided.

USACE had no knowledge of aerial activities related to Hurricane Charlie.....

USACE had no knowledge of NOAA's activities related to Hurricane damage flights.....