

**MAPPS DOD Liaison Meeting**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**March 20, 2007**

Nancy Blyler – DoD Representative  
Dave Hart - Moderator

1. Discussion about St. Louis Corps contracts
    - Firms have been chosen. They are ready to announce small business awards
    - Interviewing other contractors
    - St. Louis – still center of expertise
    - Dennis Morgan retired; looking to hire to replace
    - Potential outside COE hire
    - Bob Mesko will carry on
  2. Discussion of Inland electronic navigation system
    - Levee database being constructed (more notes available from Nancy's presentation on 3/19)
    - There is/will be an ECB bulletin regarding technical requirements for the levee surveys
    - Looking for facility management (BIM) as built, etc.
    - GIS data set of utilities
    - Data model
    - Required for all construction projects
    - See this BIM as more of a driver
    - Deliverable: GIS dataset of footprint change to utilities
      - Installation – so can update GIS DB
    - GIS data set is required on all survey and mapping projects
    - Circular bulletin describes more standardized template; more standardized templates coming out
    - DoD will set format and standards
    - Delivery by Geo Fidelis or GeoBase (standard models) – new section on Lidar; BIM relates to these
    - SDS Building large enterprise GIS DB
  3. Discussion around Defense Spatial Data Infrastructure - example – levee data base
    - Trying to mesh data models
    - This is being activated as a bottom up/top down group (i.e., HQ vs District)
  4. Discussion around Topographic Manual Published
    - Jim Garster (sp?) – lead; Bill Burgen – author
    - These are the guidance manuals – most agreed they are very useful
- Headquarters contracts  
Relying on Enterprise GIS data more and more – deliverables may change – SDS metadata - SDSFIE
5. Discussion around how the USACE is changing mission
    - With DHS, Public Works, FEMA the USACE has its finger in many pots
    - Geospatial division/activities are structured along business lines
    - Contract opportunities – data collection

DHS – public works sector  
FEMA – EM and floodplain  
Contract out data collection efforts  
Louisville – same contracting out

Civilian

Military

Diversity of information –

Structure along business lines – how to match with data

6. Brief discussion around innovation and research

James Ferguson - Hoping to get R&D going again, mostly though TEC

R&D – Sensors – lidar

Shoals and charts program last effort

Focus on operational

Data management – tools

Contracts

Using GIS to support Enterprise GIS Headquarters-directed

Good quality data

Quality assurance plans

Delivery requirement will specify enterprise GIS DB format

Standardizing systems

Spatial data standards

Meta data format

SDSIE references

Off-shore processing – non-starter

If a contractor using

Small business set asides still a push

Joe Gawlick

USACE – view on offshore processing? What if contractor goes offshore?”

Nancy – issues with offshore?

USACE may have position on this. Not clarified now, but Nancy says likely will look unfavorably on offshoring and very unfavorably on undisclosed offshoring.

Final point from Nancy as to “Quality is Paramount” in anything the USACE does and/or contracts out

Question regarding “let” contracts that were never executed and were being re-issued.  
Group asked that DoD provide a POC to take up these issues. Nancy offered that she was it.