



What Has MAPPSS Done For You Lately?

- Won approval by the U.S. House of Representatives of a bill to provide transparency in the expenditure of Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funds, which included a MAPPSS-proposed provision that requires geospatial enabling of the data
- Invited to meet with President Obama at the White House on impact of health care reform proposal on small business
- Identified \$73 billion in geospatial funding opportunities in the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or “stimulus” bill for MAPPSS Members
- Conducted two economic surveys to gauge the impact of the recession on member firms
- Sent letter to OMB Director Peter Orszag to urge prompt and strategic expenditure of ARRA stimulus funding for geospatial contracts
- Testified before Treasury Department in opposition to 3% withholding on Federal contracts
- Led efforts for introduction of the Freedom from Government Competition Act (S. 1167/HR 2682) in the U.S. House and Senate
- Testified before U.S. House of Representatives on Federal Geospatial Data Management
- Worked with FAA on a training module for Air Traffic Controllers on managing aerial survey operations
- Created more than 10 committees and task forces to increase member involvement in MAPPSS and the profession
- Testified before U.S. House of Representatives on the need for a national parcel system for mortgage crisis response and financial reform
- Won creation of a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on FAA standards, to investigate the need for a uniform “ramp check” process for aerial survey aircraft modifications
- Reaffirmed support of IFTN, highlighting concerns regarding Qualifications Based Selection (QBS), role of small business, and preventing government competition with the private sector
- PA-MAPPSS was first organization to endorse Geospatial Coordination Strategic Plan for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Issued a statement of principles setting forth MAPPSS core public policy objectives
- Worked with members of Congress on introduction of H.R. 1520, the Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform (FLAIR) Act

- Hosted a Congressional staff briefing on the need for an 'early warning system' utilizing geospatial technologies to prevent another financial services industry collapse
- Sent a letter to President Obama supporting a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education program to encourage Americans to take more courses and enter careers in these fields and urging the inclusion of a geospatial emphasis in the program
- Supported QBS provisions for Federal grants in aviation, dam safety, climate change, and water/wastewater legislation in Congress
- Won publication of a proposed regulation change easing the burden of a 10% retainage hold-back on Federal contracts for architecture, engineering, surveying and mapping services.
- Hosted continuing education workshops on QBS contracting and on Licensing of Photogrammetrists
- MAPPs advocacy resulted in a DHS "industry day" pre-proposal conference and RFI as a prelude to upcoming contracts for imagery and geospatial services for emergency response
- Met with the Federal Reserve Board staff on revising Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data collection requirements to include parcel identification and address data for a national cadastre or parcel system
- Hosted the fourth annual geospatial technology exhibition, providing members and staff of the U.S. Congress with first-hand exposure to the services and products of MAPPs member firms
- Kept members informed through nearly 30 editions of Capitol Coverage and FLIGHTLINE
- Implemented new media communications links to the membership using Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn
- Recognized firms' projects in the third annual Excellence Awards competition and reception
- Hosted a winter and summer meeting, Federal Programs Conference, Specialty Conference with ASPRS, including a Fall Policy Conference, and Washington Policy Luncheons to provide members with education, information and networking opportunities
- Launched a MAPPs advertising program to provide image and exposure opportunities for member firms in Capitol Coverage, FLIGHTLINE and the MAPPs web site
- Advocated for reduced university and state, local government competition before several governors and university presidents
- Requested a U.S. Department of Transportation Inspector General investigation into state DOT competition with private mapping and geospatial firms
- Invited to participate in a NOAA strategy workshop on development of an Integrated ocean and Coastal Mapping Program (IOCM)
- Won approval of pro-private sector amendments in the Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IOCM) program including in an omnibus parks and lands bill, Public Law 111-11, passed by Congress and signed by the President
- Testified before an Interior Department hearing and met with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to advocate on-shore geospatial data and a marine multipurpose cadastre for sound decision-making related to off-shore energy development
- Represented the private sector aerial survey community during a National Academy of Sciences panel of aviation experts investigating inconsistencies experienced by aviation stakeholders with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy and procedures

Highlights of Accomplishments - 2009