DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Member Present: Daniel Czaja, DESPP; Tyler Kleykamp, OPM; Jim Spencer (for Michael Connors), DOT; Emily Wilson, Uconn; Jeff Bolton, DCS; Scott Roberts, Town of South Windsor; Stephen Lowrey, Town of Tolland; Beth Stewart-Kelly Mil Dept; Chris Roy, DPH; Howie Sternberg, DEEP; Erik Snowden, CRCOG; Peter Petrella, DSS; Kristen Derosia-Banick, DoAG

**Members Absent:**

Anthony Andosca; Brd of Regents, Ron Angelo, DECD; Sheri DeVaux, DAS; Patrick Ladd, City of Meriden

**Minutes:**

* The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Tyler Kleykamp.
* The Council approved the minutes from the September 28, 2011 Meeting

**Acknowledgment of the 2011 Connecticut Geographic Bee Winner**

* Chairman Kleykamp introduced Michael Borecki the winner of the 2011 Connecticut Geographic Bee. Michael was presented with a Proclamation by Representative Wood (141st Dist.) and a Certificate of Achievement from the CT GIS Council.

**Working Groups**

* Council members discussed the role of working groups moving forward in order to make the best use of limited time of Council member and others who serve on various working groups. The Council discussed moving to a quarterly meeting schedule, which is allowed under statute, with the potential of the meeting lasting longer in order to have more robust discussions on items. This schedule could potentially allow working groups to meet more frequently to develop recommendations and implement action items. No action was taken however the concept will be discussed at the January meeting.

**GIS Council Vision**

* Chairman Kleykamp discussed a draft vision for the GIS Council which is intended to define the mandate of the Council to develop a uniform GIS capacity for state agencies, municipalities, and regional planning organizations
* ACTION: Council member present voted unanimously to adopt the “Vision” document
* The Data Inventory and Assessment workgroup will report back to the Council with recommendations on how best to implement the new vision, including possibly restructuring the workgroups.

**State Agency GIS Platform Update**

* Chairman Kleykamp provided an overview of progress on expanding the use of the ArcGIS platform currently housed at DAS/BEST. A small group of state agencies are working with DAS/BEST to expand the use of the platform to allow agencies to publish geospatial data and web services.

**New Business:**

* Action: Council members present voted unanimously to establish a “Storm Response and Recovery Assessment Group” to review the use (or lack of use) of GIS Technology during Tropical Storm Irene and the October Snowstorm. The GIS Storm Response and Recovery Assessment Group’s focus will be on various aspects of how GIS was used for pre-storm, storm, and post-storm response and recovery efforts at the local, regional, utility, state, and federal levels. The goals of the assessment are to: identify what GIS strategies were used (or not), barriers encountered, best practices, and recommendations.
* Action: Council members present voted unanimously to appoint Council Member Jeff Bolton to chair the “Strom Recovery and Response Assessment Group.”
* Action**:** Council members present voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman of the GIS Council to engage with any other work groups, panels, consultants, or other relevant groups concerning the use of GIS in the two storms.
* Action:Council members present voted to authorize the Chairman of the GIS Council to administer a Twitter account of behalf of the Council (@CTGISCOuncil)

 **Informational Presentation: State Ortho Imagery project**

* Mike Schillen from Photo Science Inc provided an overview of the spring ortho imagery project that is funded via a partnership between DESPP, DOT, USGS, and the NGA. The project will collect 4-band color imagery, with 12in pixel resolution in the spring of 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 P.M.