

**MAPPS Fall Policy Conference  
DOD LIAISON COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2005**

Liaison Chair: David Hart, MAPPS Board Director, Continental Mapping Consultants, Sun Prairie, WI

Meeting Secretary: Kent Alexander, Air Land Surveys, Flint, MI

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Harry Goradia, USACE

Nancy Blyler, USACE

Heidi Santiago, DoD/DISDI

Col. Brian Cullis, DoD/DISDI

20 Participants, see attached attendee list

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- Meeting called to order by Dave Hart
- Introductions were made

Overview of topics for meeting:

1. Contracting Outlook. How do hurricanes affect
  2. GSA Schedule Procurement of geospatial and mapping services
  3. Policing and enforcing adherence to Brooks Act and advocating its use to other federal agencies
  4. Aerial Acquisition activities for emergency response to natural disasters and other events – update
  5. Development on FAR changes on definitions of surveying and mapping
  6. National Guard procurement procedures overview.
  7. BRAC – any geospatial needs?
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Contracting Outlook

- COE expects a significant amount of work with regular workload plus hurricane workload. ([www.usace.army.mil](http://www.usace.army.mil))
- Individuals from COE were not aware of any emergency contracting outside of normal procurement methods.
- Current COE. efforts are being handled by supplementals to existing contracts.
- Members seem to be hearing monies have dried up with other contracts. Thoughts were that it was temporary monies have been shifted around for emergency needs but are anticipated to be shifted bank.
- FEMA processed work to prepare GEO spatial imagery of hurricane impacted areas through St. Louis COE office.
- COE was pleased with responses of GEO spatial community to hurricanes. COE made significant effort to provide work to businesses from area.
- Defense installations data infrastructure – In its first year of determining how to blend groups.

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- Invest 90 – 100 million a year into Geospatial effort. Hurricane, software, staff, etc.
  - Major costs are in consulting out to firms for onsite personnel.
  - Anticipate more mapping of existing DOD facilities through COE contracts in future.
  - Saved \$20 million this past year by using and sharing existing data.
  - Sharing of information is leading to an enhanced need for GEO spatial data.
  - DOD will be working to map every parcel they own. By completing this mapping DOD will provide a good base for national cadastral survey. Would like to start work in 2006 but not in budget. Current thought is this, a three year process.
  - How inventory will be accomplished will probably depend on available information in each area.
- Col. Cullis, USAF Executive Manager, Defense Installation Spatial Data Infrastructure, Business Transformation Directorate. Links:
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    - Business Management Modernization Program

With the approval of the Business Transformation Agency (BTA) on October 7, 2005, the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, Gordon England, has established an agency that will focus on advancing defense-wide business transformation. By consolidating, coordinating, and integrating the Department's business transformation activities, the BTA is expected to provide consistency in DoD's business transformation efforts, minimize redundancies in its business systems, and reduce overhead for the Department. Rather than creating a new bureaucracy, the BTA shifts the resources for existing business processes and system modernization into a unified, focused organization.

- <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/bt/>
- Real Property Inventory Initiative within BMMP. Very high on Undersecretary's To Do list.
    - Probably not in '06, but 3-year effort. Possible tie-in with FLAIR (discussion of this by group).
    - 17 installations already have parcel level data
    - Interested in developing robust cadastre – (first rely on legal descriptions)
    - Report coming out in late November
    - [http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/bt/rp\\_initiatives.htm](http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/bt/rp_initiatives.htm)

Tie in the BMMP Spatial data development needs to larger programs such as:

- GeoBASE(USAF)
- GeoReadiness(Army?)
- GISReadiness(Navy?)
- GeoFidelis (UISMC)

Col. Cullis: Important for MAPPS members to learn and understand these programs and their linkages. Best way to do this is the JSEM conference, 20-23 March 2006 in Denver. Link below:

Joint Services Environmental Management Conference (JSEM)

20-23 March 2006, Denver, CO

<http://www.jsemconference.com/2006/submit/currenttab.cfm>

- DH Link added post conference – background for understanding GeoBASE GeoReadiness, Geo Fidelis programs (referred to by Col. Cullis)  
<http://gis.esri.com/library/userconf/feduc05/docs/pap116.pdf>
- At least One Small business contracting coming out of New Orleans in early 2006
- MAPPS members suggested that DOD may want to talk to firms that have surveyed for DOD in the past. May be able to save a lot of “reinventing the wheel”.
- For each installation need to know.
  - 1) Area owned
  - 2) Area fenced
  - 3) Area of influence
- How do we stay informed of opportunities in mapping installations?
  - DOD has public meetings and presentations
  - March 20-23, 2006 will be a joint services environmental sciences symposium in Denver, CO.
- Less than 20% of existing facilities have parcels mapped.
- Not expecting clean map due to overlaps errors etc.
- Comments from group were that acquisition of parcel information may be less than ½ of cost to determine final ownership lines.
- An outstanding issue will be if program can operate without security clearances.
- Suggestion was made to search DOD website for property acquisition information.
- COE stated they were not perfect but work hard at using the Brooks Act. Asked that if we were aware of any COE offices violating the act they would appreciate knowing the specifics.
- MAPPS members attending expressed concern that St. Louis MAPPS office had placed an RFP for small business acquisitions of aerial data. For some reason all seven small businesses who submitted were thrown out.
- How do we get COE to support OBS with other federal agencies?
  - MAPPS would appreciate COE. sending letter to their contracting officers reminding them to use QBS.
- National Guard procurement procedure – COE is not involved. Harry suggested that we talk to former member of COE., Eric \_\_\_\_\_ at National Guard bureau.
- Base realignment and closings – Is still an unknown but expectation is that existing mapping of will be used, with the possibility of future mapping as required.
- Members expressed concerns that mapping was being handled as an add-on and not being subcontracted out using Brooks Act. COE understands frustration because they have the same uses with the system. However, they cannot enforce subcontracts being paid through Brooks Act.
- Members asked how we can support efforts to obtain further mapping of federal land

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- ownership. Suggestion was that we need to understand how DOD uses data and that we use that information to help publicize the benefits with others in and out of government.
- DOD would like to partner as much as possible with local, state and county governments. This includes partnering with private businesses.
  - Members asked that Brian and Heidi address MAPPS group at our March legislative event.