1. Welcome and Introductions (Pat Olson, Aero-Metric, Kari Craun, USGS)

2. Updated on Organizational change at USGS and FY’11 Budget (Kari Craun)
   - Ms. Craun gave a brief overview of the current USGS organizational changes. She directed attendees to the USGS web site, [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov); and [www.usgs.gov/core_science_systems](http://www.usgs.gov/core_science_systems), for additional information regarding organization changes.
   - The new organization is based on scientific themes and the National Geospatial Program falls within the area called “Core Science Systems”. The Acting Associate Director is Kevin Gallagher. Mark DeMulder remains the Program Director for the National Geospatial Program and he reports to Kevin Gallagher.
   - The President’s budget for 2011 is approximately $3.0M less than 2010.
   - Currently the USGS is operating under a Continuing Resolution which runs through December 3. Neither the House nor the Senate Appropriations Committees have acted on the USGS budget for 2011. Ms. Craun felt there may not be a budget for 2011 and they will operate the fiscal year on the Continuing Resolution.

3. Update of GPSC Contract (Kari Craun)
   - GPSC 2 is fully negotiated and in-place for task order activities
     i. Awards were made to 7 prime contractors
     ii. There is a $250M delegated procurement authority for the contract
     iii. A total of $22,194,470 was awarded in Fy’10
       1. Total of 57 task orders
       2. 25 ARRA task order awards
       3. Partners include: NGA, BLM, FEMA, BIA, USACE (multiple Districts), NPS (multiple Regions), International Joint Commission, Alaska DNR, NH DOT, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (MI), Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (PA), Vermont DNR, Colorado DEA.
     iv. 26 task orders for work in FY’11
       1. Include LiDAR and Orthophotos

4. Summary of ARRA Projects (Kari Craun)
   - $16,903,014 ARRA Stimulus spent on elevation and orthoimage projects
     i. $14.01M using National Geospatial Program ARRA funds for elevation data
     ii. $2.89M for orthophoto production
     iii. $6,382,725 went to 21 cooperative projects for elevation data or orthophotos. The projects were selected through a competitive process announced through the Program Announcement on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)
iv. $1,537,624 directed towards 8 elevation projects to support USGS science requirements. These projects were selected by the Regional Centers and contracted through GPSC. 11 projects in all were contracted through GPSC for $3,899,318 for elevation and orthophotos, including $1.4M for LiDAR for the North East, the largest partnership project in terms of the number of partners, and $450K for orthophotos over the entire State of New Hampshire.

v. $5,620,347 funded projects to fill in coverage gaps along the Gulf Coast. These projects were contracted through GPSC or managed through interagency agreements (FEMA and USACE).

vi. $2,686,025 of the $16.9M was from end-of-year ARRA funds from other USGS ARRA Stimulus projects. The National Geospatial Program ARRA project was selected for those funds because it demonstrated it could quickly direct large amounts of funds to projects.

- 45 individual elevation and orthophoto projects received ARRA funding awards
  i. 34 for elevation and 11 for orthophotos
  ii. Data acquired in 33 states, along with collecting orthoimagery for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
  iii. Award recipients included State and County Government agencies, Universities, Multi-Agency consortiums and organizations and commercial businesses.
  iv. Projects will contribute more than 30,000 square miles of orthophoto data coverage and over 130,000 square miles of elevation data.

- A major accomplishment of the ARRA funded projects will be the completion of the continuous coastal coverage along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts from Maine to Texas in the National Elevation Dataset.

5. Brief Update on Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) (Kari Craun)

- RFI issued by NGA – good response to the RFI
- Summary of RFI’s received will be given to the FGDC ExCom
- The business case for IFTN and funding may occur in FY’12 or FY’13.

6. Update on Enhanced Elevation Study (Larry Sugarbaker, Sr. Advisor, USGS)

- National Enhanced Elevation Assessment is being undertaken to fully understand Federal, State, Local, Tribal and other business requirements, benefits and costs associated with various program implementation scenarios. The scenarios will provide a planning basis for a potential national program optimized to balance cost and benefits. The study will also address questions such as: Is it more cost effective for the government to manage elevation activities within the context of a National program; Are there additional National or Agency benefits derived from such a strategy; What does the optimized program look like?

- Dewberry was selected to accomplish the study via the GPSC contract.
- All information will be publicly available when completed.

7. Update on the NDOP with a NOAA Chair leading the program (Kari Craun)

- The chair of the NDOP is a rotating position among agencies. NOAA just happens to be the current chair. Nothing new to report.
8. Use of NAIP Imagery by other Agencies (Kari Craun)

QBS is required, under the FAR, for “Mapping associated with the research, planning, development, design, construction, or alteration of real property is considered to be an architectural and engineering service and is to be procured pursuant to Section 36.601.” USDA claims its NAIP orthos do not fall under this and they do not follow 36.601. However, USDA makes its NAIP orthos available to others, including for uses “associated with the research, planning, development, design, construction, or alteration of real property”. MAPPS believes this is not legal and asked USGS to investigate. USGS was having counsel look into this, but we had not heard the results. Ms. Craun indicated no action from USGS is expected. This needs to be evaluated at the Department of Interior level. She suggests we take this up with Karen Siderelis, the GIO, of the Interior.

9. National Licensing of Photogrammetrists (Kari Craun)

- Pat Olson reported that MAPPS did question USGS counsel about the National Licensing and if the USGS could be a sponsor. Counsel indicated this could be done; however the USGS could only require a USGS supported National License to be used on their projects. Currently USGS has no interest in pursuing this further.
- MAPPS is currently looking for other Agency sponsors to get traction on this effort.