

## ***What Has MAPPS Done For You Lately?***

- Defeated a bill, H.B. 619, in the New Hampshire state legislature, “prohibiting images of a person’s residence to be taken from the air”.
- Asked by FEMA to nominate members to the flood mapping Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC), to which MAPPS submitted seven candidates.
- Worked with FAA to develop more workable, efficient processes for operation of LIDAR so that it is not classified as a laser pointer.
- Led the effort on introduction of the “Map It Once, Use It Many Times Act”, H.R. 1604, by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO).
- Completed a study for USGS documenting the capacity of the private sector to collect and process national LIDAR elevation data for the 3DEP program.
- Defeated an Arizona Department of Transportation effort to acquire a new aerial imaging aircraft and system that would have duplicated and competed with the private sector.
- Worked with the FAA to educate policymakers on aerial survey operations and applications, resulting in recognition of these activities in the FAA roadmap for integration of civil unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the national airspace system (NAS).
- Briefed the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) on the need for national parcel data, as called for in the new Dodd-Frank law.
- Joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations urging Congress not to force a government shutdown.
- Established an Aviation Legal Fund to provide assistance to member firms on issues with FAA and affecting aerial acquisition operations.
- Conducted the 7<sup>th</sup> annual MAPPS Geospatial Excellence Awards Competition.
- Provided member discounts for registration at the SPAR and ILMF conferences.
- Helped numerous firms win the correction of Federal and state government agency bid requests in favor of QBS compliance.
- Completed the triennial MAPPS Salary and Non-Cash Benefits Survey, the most comprehensive compensation study in the geospatial community.
- Hosted a successful Federal Programs Conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC in March, featuring agency briefings and visits to more than 200 Congressional offices.
- Successfully lobbied in support of funds for the USGS 3DEP program in the Interior Appropriations bill in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Testified before Congress on H.R. 1399, the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments, advocating for greater use of the private sector in surveying and mapping by NOAA.

### **Highlights of Accomplishments – 2013**

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- Worked with Rep. R. A. “Dutch” Ruppersberger (D-MD) on introduction of H.R. 1382, the Digital Coast Act, in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- PA-MAPPS gained unanimous approval by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives of HB 1285, a bill to create a Geospatial Coordination Council, with PA-MAPPS designated for a seat to represent the private sector.
- Kept members informed through nearly 50 editions of *Capitol Coverage* and *Spatially Speaking*, expanded new media communications links to the membership using Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn, promoted MAPPS and the private geospatial community in trade publications, such as *POB Magazine* and *Professional Surveyor Magazine*, and launched the *MAPPS Minute* to keep members abreast of news and information.
- Conducted two economic surveys in 2013 to gauge the impact of the recession on member firms.
- Worked with Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) on legislation, S. 1057, to set up a privacy framework for commercial unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) that exempts mapping activities from such regulation.
- Hosted a webinar with USGS on the 3DEP program, appropriations, and the status of contracting.
- Secured introduction of H.R. 916, the Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform (FLAIR) Act in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI).
- Won approval of a Defense Department land inventory provision in the Defense Authorization bill currently before Congress.
- Hosted a successful Winter Conference in Miami, FL, providing networking, education on ownership transition, privacy, cloud computing and other timely topics, and a keynote by Rep. Joe Garcia (D-FL).
- The Department of Homeland Security awarded its contracts for imagery and geospatial services for emergency response; a QBS, multiple award ID/IQ contract that was a MAPPS idea and the result of a decade of tenacity and advocacy by MAPPS.
- Assisted our brethren in land surveying in opposition to the Labor Department’s classification of survey technicians as “laborers and mechanics”, subject to the Davis-Bacon Act.
- Led an effort to get all the members of COGO, the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations, to unanimously support a resolution on the importance of geospatial data to our society and proclaiming that privacy restrictions should not be a concern and should not apply to our profession’s activities.
- Established a liaison with AUVSI, spoke to the association’s legislative committee, and hosted a Congressional panel on UAV legislation and regulation to educate decision-makers on benefits of UAV deployment by mapping firms.
- Provided private sector input to the FGDC on the development of a new strategic plan for the next generation National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).
- Hosted a Summer Conference in Rockport, Maine featuring Governor Paul LePage (R) and sessions on marketing, human resources, UAVs, work with DoTs, hydrographic surveys, and other current topics.
- Fought unfair competition with and duplication of the private sector by the Corps of Engineers with an amendment by Reps. Don Young (R-AK) and Tom Petri (R-WI) to H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.
- We did good, performing community service with our Bike Build to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami at our Winter Conference.

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