06-21-07
OGIC Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Nancy Tubbs - USGS, Duane Dippon - BLM, John Lilly - DSL, Vicki
McConnell - DOGAMI, Bob Swank - LCOG, Brett Juul - DOR, Mark Darienzo - DLCD,
Bob Bailey - DLCD, Dennis Scofield - ODOT, Chad Brady - ODOT, Ed Arabas - DAS,
Malavika Bishop - DEQ, Bob DeVyldere - OWRD, Gail Ewart - DAS, Gary Gipson -
OED, Karen Gregory - DOR, Jim Meacham - OUS, Dugan Petty - DAS, Clark Seely -
ODF, Graham Slater - OED, Cy Smith- DAS

## Data Sharing Partnership – Status Report (Cy Smith)

Cy talked about the ongoing effort to fashion some sort of legislative work group that
would have a direct link to the Legislature. Lindsay's idea at this point is to use the
navigatOR funding, if we get it, as the mechanism/impetus to report back to the
Legislature in the interim and that will be our opportunity to ask for their input on the
three or four issues that are impediments to data sharing between levels of government.
Dugan mentioned that it might be possible to form a work group from the task force that
had been established earlier, and that there was likely to be a House interim committee on
IT, but there wasn't any indication right now that a joint interim committee on IT would
be established.

Vicki McConnell said that we've done a lot of work on the data sharing partnership and
that message should be taken to the Legislature in the interim, but that work group was a
dirty word in the Legislature right now, they are work grouped out.

Clark Seely said there should be legislators on any work group we established, and Cy
reminded folks that several local government participants had expressed reservations
about that, so we'll have to work on convincing them.

Dugan said we would need to identify friendly or interested legislators.

Karen Gregory said we needed to put together a work group early in the interim because
there are a number of conflicts, including some that were just established in statute this
session, between the public records law and named restrictions to access that would cause
further impediments to data sharing.

## GIS Software Standard – Decision Requested (Cy Smith, Dugan Petty, Ed Arabas)

Cy reviewed the process that was being followed and developed by DAS. He indicated
some of the changes that had been made to the Rationale and Plan document, talked
about the development of the exception process, and laid out the timeline that had been
followed thus far in seeking stakeholder advice and guidance, and that would be followed
to develop the OAR that establishes the rule. He mentioned that the one issue so far that
had been raised that was probably not going to be resolved to everyone's satisfaction was
the potential that setting this standard would set a precedent for the establishment of other
IT standards, particularly brand name standards.

Dugan, Cy and Ed Arabas talked about how there probably would be additional IT standards, but that all future efforts would be done in an open, transparent, collaborative manner based on the model process being developed by OGIC and the CIOC for the ESRI software standard.  If there's a lot of negative response to a particular standard effort, if the economic and technical justification can't be made in a compelling manner, then the standard probably wouldn't be established.  But there are various reasons to pursue additional standards from an enterprise perspective.

Jim Meacham mentioned that there were issues that needed to be resolved in terms of whether and how to include OUS in the ESRI enterprise license, when we get to that point.  He also mentioned that we should be considering some sort of exception for use and development of GoogleEarth and VirtualEarth.

Nancy asked for some clarification as to why the public hearing was scheduled so late in the timeline.  Dugan and Vicki addressed this and explained the OAR development process in a bit more detail, adding that the stakeholder advisory process was an effort, prescribed within the OAR process, designed to gather input and guidance from the community well in advance of the rest of the OAR process.

Graham Slater had several comments, including:  1.  If the standards compels agencies to use ESRI software, that seems too strong; 2.  a full business case, as it's commonly defined or understood would be burdensome; 3.  it's important to understand what is meant by compelling and who makes the decision as to what is compelling; 4.  and that it seems like we might be able to agree to use ESRI without establishing a standard in OAR.

Cy addressed his comments briefly, as follows:  1.  The standard doesn't compel an agency to use ESRI software, it will simply say that if GIS software is to be used, it should be ESRI unless there is a compelling business reason to use something else, which would then require an exception; 2.  we specifically used the term business rationale to get away from the commonly understood definition of the term business case, and we envisioned a two page form that would incorporate all four exception situations, with the user determining which situation applied; 3.  we haven't defined what compelling means yet, but would need to do that and would involve the community in that definition, and that the State CIO is the person responsible for making the final decision; 4.  we would lose most, if not all of the economic benefits of declaring a standard if we continue with the status quo, partly because we wouldn't be able to negotiate an enterprise license.

John Lilly asked if we had explored or could use an MOA or Executive Order to set the standard.  Dugan replied the process was prescribed by law and that he would be very reluctant to pursue some other process.

**Motion** – Cy moved that OGIC endorse the process and timeline that had been described, that would include as next steps a draft administrative rule being taken to CIOC and PAC in July, and a special meeting of OGIC, scheduled for August 1, 2007.  Motion seconded by Bob Bailey.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**navigatOR Budget – Status Report (Dugan Petty, Cy Smith)**
The reconciliation budget bill contains $777,000 for navigatOR. $500,000 of that amount is targeted to go to the Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University to continue development of the Oregon Explorer web portal. That portal will be the window to discover and access all geospatial data, including the Framework base data that is a major component of navigatOR. The funds will be in the DAS budget and an agreement will be made with OSU for the scope of services that will continue portal development. The rest of the funding will be spent on two LD positions at GEO, a local government coordinator to develop and continue the data partnerships, and an administrative assistant to help support the OGIC and Framework governance structures.

Clark asked if more funding would be necessary for portal development in the future. Cy said that is most likely the case, but no amounts have been contemplated yet.

Bob Bailey said that we should leverage the DLCD involvement with local governments.

**Transportation Framework – Presentation (Dennis Scofield, Chad Brady)**

The ORTrans coordinator, Chad Brady, made a presentation on the Transportation Framework statewide data set that is nearing completion. ODOT is the data steward and has done a tremendous amount of work, some of which has been supported by OGIC and various federal agencies, to integrate local road data from the 330+ road authorities in the state and to develop routing tools, similar to MapQuest, that are already improving traffic patterns and trucking throughout the state. In addition, this data set is already being used to improve the quality of the road mile calculations that result in more federal funds to local governments in Oregon, and to create the new ODOT State road maps. Dennis mentioned that the data model developed in Oregon had now been adopted by Washington, so there's a regional road data model that makes coordination on a variety of road activities between Oregon and Washington easier, saving both states money. And this Framework theme will be of great use for a wide variety of government business activities, including the statewide development permitting application, social service planning and allocation, public health and emergency response planning and implementation, etc.

**No New Business**

Nancy Tubbs announced the name of her replacement at USGS, Sheri Schneider. Cy announced the upcoming Executive Summit on Information Management and Sharing in Portland on October 2, and suggested that a number of agency directors from Oregon should attend, that several agency directors in Washington had committed, as have many federal executives in the region. Cy will send information with details to OGIC members.