

Imagery TWG Meeting Notes
Idaho Water Center
April 2, 2008

Attendees:

Margie Wilkins, IDWR
Jim Szpara, DEQ
Bill Kramber, IDWR
Keith Weber, ISU*
Frank Mynar, Idaho Power

Chris Clay, IDL
Gail Ewart, DoA/IGO
Scott Van Hoff, USGS
Jerry Korol, NRCS

Anne Kawalec, Ada Co.
Assessor
Ross Dodge, COMPASS
Toni Williams, FSA

*via telephone

Review Survey Results (via handouts and poster)

- cursory discussion – a very quick run-through of the numbers
- there were 50 respondents to the Imagery Survey; however due to time constraints and last minute submissions, only 47 surveys were tallied to be presented to the TWG.

Toni Williams, FSA

- Margie asked Toni if she would give a brief overview once again of the NAIP program since her initial presentation at the January meeting was cut short (thanks for doing that on short notice, Toni!)
- Toni stated that contract costs for 2008 is expected to be determined on Friday, April 4th and the group can “guesstimate” 2009 costs based on those figures.
- NAIP basic metric standards are expected to be:
 - 3 year refresh (statewide); 1 year (ag areas only)
 - 1 meter
 - 3 band – true color
 - leaf on – typically flown June 15th – Aug 15th
 - Compressed County Mosaics delivered first, followed by QQs
- Partnerships break out to 3 groups:
 - 1/3 FSA
 - 1/3 Federal Partners
 - 1/3 Other (State, County, Local, etc.)
- Partnership add-ons could possibly cover
 - higher resolution
 - 4th band – Infrared
 - Statewide coverage every year instead of every 3 years
- Toni reminded the group that add-ons typically translate to later deliverables although APFO (?) has tripled their QA/QC staff since the 2004 NAIP was flown.
- Payment structure:
 - first payment would be due in June
 - second and last payment due in November
- Subcontracts can be made directly with the vendor for High-resolution data capture. This would be a very cost-effective way to satisfy some of the needs of those responding to the Imagery Survey.
- FSA will not know which vendor is selected to fly Idaho, but having partnerships in place increases the odds that a vendor capable of meeting all requirements (digital, IR band, etc.) of those partnerships will be selected.

Gail Ewart, GIO

- Imagery Service: Gail and her team is trying to get a permanent stream of funding in place for imagery acquisition and delivery. APFO is also working on this concept with pilot projects.
- File size and storage is always an issue
- Gail highlighted some of the benefits and advantages of Oregon's imagery service
<http://oregonexplorer.info/imagery/about/about.aspx?Res=17220>

Further discussion of Imagery Survey results:

- to see results, go to: <http://gis.idaho.gov/framework.htm> click on Survey Results
- LiDAR would be a separate product from that delivered through the NAIP program
- the group discussed which add-ons should be listed as possible options on the follow-up survey
- approximate (2009) costs per square mile or per QQ should be listed on the survey to give users a ballpark figure to work with when requesting funds.

Next step

- follow up the needs assessment survey with a "Proposed Funding Commitment" survey.
- this second survey will:
 - lay out the basic NAIP metric package and ask for proposed funding commitment
 - list possible add-ons available and ask for proposed funding commitments for those add-ons
 - Toni will get back to Margie with the cost estimates

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th 10-12 with suggestion that everyone mark their calendars for the first Wednesday of the month for Imagery TWG meetings to avoid scheduling conflicts.