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MINNESOTA'S NEW STATEWIDE PARCEL DATA INTEGRATION BUSINESS PLAN

Session 5, Slot 1-2-3: Government I Track on Thursday, October 4, 2012, 10:30 a.m. - noon

For years, individuals and organization around the state have sought a statewide parcel data layer. Several past projects and studies have identified parcel data as being needed by local, regional, state, federal, and tribal governments; educational institutions; the private sector; non-profits as well as individuals. Over the past several months the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) has been working with stakeholders to develop a business plan to help guide all of us in developing and sustaining an authoritative statewide parcel data layer. The business plan tells us how, when, how much and who needs to do what for us to achieve our shared vision. MnGeo contracted with Pro-West and Applied Geographics to help develop this comprehensive business plan.

Extensive input was acquired and used in developing the plan including:

- Working with a steering committee who provided input and guided the project
- Contacting each of the 87 counties to learn of their policies, technical capacities, business needs, and available data
- Using an on-line survey to identify parcel data consumers' needs
- Reviewing the MetroGIS and other models
- Analyzing other states' programs
- Holding a workshop to review findings and discuss options for addressing the identified circumstances, issues, impediments and opportunities.

The business plan contains numerous tactics that will assist partners in working toward the shared vision of a statewide parcel data layer. The plan recognizes the varied county situations and suggests ways to meet needs and address obstacles without imposing unfunded mandates. A benefits section provides policy makers with business reasons why it is important to build and maintain a statewide parcel data layer. The vision of a statewide parcel data layer is now closer to a reality than ever before.

Panel members:

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