THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3277

Subject: Enhanced Geospatial Governance

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** This Order implements enhanced geospatial governance to manage the Department's geospatial decisions, and it clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Department's bureaus and offices.

Sec. 2 **Background.** Geospatial information is "place-based" information produced from any source and used for any purpose. It is the foundation for many Department of the Interior (DOI) programs and business activities. To facilitate improvements in managing a diverse set of geospatial assets and services in a cost-effective manner at the enterprise level, the Department is seeking to enhance the availability and utility of geospatial information for its own bureaus and offices; other Federal agencies; State, tribal, and local governments; private industry; academia; the public; and the international community, consistent with applicable program authorities.

Sec. 3 **Authority.** This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 4 **Responsibilities and Functions.** The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget is designated the Senior Agency Official for Geospatial Information (SAOGI). The SAOGI provides leadership and oversight of the Department's enhanced geospatial functions and vision; and carries out the role and responsibilities described in the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Memorandum, M-06-07. The SAOGI is assisted by a DOI Geospatial Information Officer (GIO). The GIO reports directly to the Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget and is responsible for the following:

(i) coordinating geospatial activities and issues in the Department's bureaus and offices;

(ii) coordinating and facilitating the Department's implementation of geospatial-related requirements, policies, and activities;

(iii) ensuring that the geospatial programs, budgets, investments, and activities of each bureau are developed, implemented, and coordinated consistent with the respective bureau authorities and missions;

(iv) coordinating with and serving as co-chair of the GeoTeam; and

(v) coordinating with and providing oversight of Enterprise Geographic Information Management (EGIM) group.

Sec. 5 **GeoTeam.** The group of bureau and office representatives known as the Core Team is hereby renamed the GeoTeam. The GeoTeam will develop a charter that enables it to support the goals of this Order. Each Program Assistant Secretary will appoint a representative from each of his/her bureaus to the GeoTeam. The GIO may appoint additional representatives, as needed.

Sec. 6 **EGIM.** The EGIM is a representative group of senior bureau geospatial subject matter experts designated by their respective bureaus. The EGIM will move from under the oversight of the Information Technology Management Council to the oversight of the GIO.

Sec. 7 **Implementation.** The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget is responsible for implementing this Order in coordination with the Program Assistant Secretaries and bureau heads. The GIO, in consultation with the Chief Information Officer, will develop a DOI Geospatial Data policy to encourage coordination of geospatial activities, as well as sharing and secondary use of geospatial data.

Sec. 8 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on December 31, 2009. The termination of this Order will not nullify the organizational changes effected herein.

Secretary of the Interior

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