



VGIN Coordinator Report to the VGIN Advisory Board  
October, 2009

**2009-2012 VBMP Orthophotography**

Final deliverables from the 2009 acquisition are now starting to flow in to VGIN following the QA/QC. Upon inspection, VGIN immediately turns these around as deliverables to the localities. The bulk of the deliverables will arrive this month with a few jurisdictions coming in early November. All VGIN staff will work together to expedite delivery to jurisdictions. This will mark an unprecedented delivery schedule for the VBMP ortho program. With 2010 being an “off year” we will have time to regroup and begin focusing on the spring 2011 acquisition.

**RCL**

The ESRI Professional Services analyses hired by VDOT to examine the VDOT-VGIN RCL integration has been documented and completed, laying out a plan that recommends changes in workflow and processes by both VGIN and VDOT. We are working together to implement these changes as quickly as possible to eliminate any duplication of effort.

The VGIN RCL continues to get better and better with routine locality updates surpassing the 100 mark this quarter. With the addition of another RCL Analyst we anticipate this number to increase by next quarter.

**Strategic Planning**

GIS Strategic Planning is on track for completion in January of 2010. Approximately thirty one-on-one stakeholder interviews and four regional town hall meetings have been completed. More information will be discussed as an agenda item in the October Board meeting.

**Broadband Mapping Proposal**

VGIN has worked closely over the last year with Deputy Secretary of Technology Karen Jackson to provide GIS support in the pursuit of broadband mapping. To that end, a broadband mapping proposal was submitted this past quarter in response to federal stimulus fund availability. The Center for Innovative Technology is the designated lead for this effort with partnership support from VGIN and Virginia Tech. We are awaiting a response from the federal government.

The proposal from VGIN includes the completion and development of address point geospatial data for the Commonwealth, using the VBMP orthophotography as a base, in support of the federal broadband mapping requirements. Once the grant is received VGIN will issue an RFP for technical assistance in this effort.

**GIS categories in VITA IT Services RFP**

VITA has issued an RFP for contract management of information technology services for the Commonwealth. VGIN provided input so that for the first time specific GIS job categories will be available to state and local government when IT contracting services are negotiated using this contract. The job titles are: Geospatial Projects Manager, GIS Specialist, GIS Analyst, GIS Technician (I and II), and GIS Technician Trainee.

**GISVirginia Blog, VAMLIS page**

VGIN has initiated a blog that is being used to share information about “all things geospatial in the Commonwealth” called “GISVirginia”. It can be accessed at <http://gisvirginia.blogspot.com> . Another social media endeavor being supported by VGIN can be located through the professional networking tool LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com> through the VAMLIS group.

**VITA Internal Process Audit of VGIN**

In August 2009 a process internal audit (non-financial) of VGIN was completed by VITA’s Internal Audit Division. Overall the audit findings were positive with no major revelations. The audit included constructive recommendations. A corrective action plan was developed and on a quarterly basis VGIN provides updates until such time as the items are considered complete.

**New Hires**

In August, VGIN was fortunate to fill two vacancies from 2008 as a result of the hiring freeze. We are happy to have John Scrivani join us from the Department of Forestry as Geospatial Projects Manager, and April Branton from the Region 2000 Planning District Commission as RCL Data Analyst.

**Moving On**

Stu Blankenship will be resigning his position with VGIN effective October 30, 2009 to accept a position in the private sector. Stu has served VGIN well with his excellent project management of the VBMP orthophotography program.