



VGIN Coordinator Report to the VGIN Advisory Board
July, 2009

2009-2012 VBMP Orthophotography

The “preliminary” 2009 orthophotography has been delivered to VGIN. This is a one foot resolution product that has had limited quality control. Its biggest advantage is that it provides a “quick and dirty” (within 3 months) look at the spring 2009 imagery. VGIN has made this available as a web service to subscribers.

The project is on schedule for September 2009 delivery of all final orthophotography products, with first deliverables set to start arriving by the end of July.

Dewberry of Fairfax Virginia has been hired to perform Quality Assurance / Quality Control of the orthophotography products. They also performed the 2002 VBMP QA/QC. Two pilot areas have been delivered by the contractor Sanborn, have passed the QA/QC and are currently being reviewed by our radiometry/pilot work group.

Strategic Planning

Final approval to hire contracting help was received mid-June. SRA Touchstone Strategic Consulting Group will be assisting VGIN. Touchstone also assisted Virginia with the 911 Strategic Plan as well as the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Strategic Plan. The scope remains the same even though the schedule has been pushed back several months. A new schedule with related milestones will be forthcoming. Expect to see heightened activity and Board engagement in the second half of 2009.

Broadband Mapping

Stimulus funds for Broadband Mapping will be sought for Virginia, with the effort being led by Deputy Secretary of Technology Karen Jackson. VGIN is part of a team that will develop a proposal for submission to the federal government. Two teams, one for broadband mapping and one for building broadband demand, have been formed. VGIN is on the broadband mapping team while “E-911” (Integrated Services Program) is part of the building broadband demand team.

Road Centerline (RCL)

ESRI transportation professional services were engaged by VDOT in the month of June to assist VDOT and VGIN with furthering the integration of the two datasets into a single road centerline base map for the Commonwealth. Positive technical and organizational recommendations were received and we should begin to see those implemented in the near future.

The PSAP Grant component for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center data replication of road centerlines to VGIN has been scoped and is expected to be completed later this year. The Northern Virginia Regional Routable

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Road Centerline for public safety has commenced, while the Southwest Virginia data replication project has yet to begin. VGIN is actively participating in the projects underway while the Integrated Services Program of VITA oversees the grant administration for all PSAP grants.

VGIN Positions

VGIN received authorization to proceed with advertisement and interview for two staff vacancies this quarter; Geospatial Project Manager (formerly held by Sam Hall) and an additional RCL Data Analyst. The positions have closed and interviews are underway.

VGIN User Survey

An informal user survey was sent out by VGIN to see if users were satisfied with VGIN services and to get a sense of awareness of those services. 101 responses were received. Overall satisfaction was good, with work needing to be done in new services development and service awareness.