

Technical User Group Clearinghouse Sub-Committee Meeting 4-12-2004

Questions for Discussion on Developing the Clearinghouse

1. **What are the committee's objectives in defining the scope of the clearinghouse?**

A distributed, electronically connected network of geospatial data producers, managers, and users

Framework Layers (MDEM)

Standards-based

2. **What are the committee's objectives in defining the functions of the clearinghouse?**

*Metadata Repository
Geospatial Data Distribution
Geospatial Data Archival
Web Services (Web Mapping)
NSDI/TNM Integration
Contact Information
Meeting Minutes
Data Assets
Reports
Investment Plans (I-Plan)
Applications (Software)
Dynamic Inventory
 Data
 Metadata
 Applications
Calendar of Events*

3. **What tasks are of highest priority?**

"Low-hanging fruit/nail soup" approach

The Portal - <http://mdem.ms.gov>

Development of standards to participate in the clearinghouse

*Data
Metadata
Applications
Serving as a distributed node*

4. How do we best use available resources?

Link to MARIS and the EGIS Calendar
Link to MDEQ data acquisition activities
Link to pilot MCCRSGIS site
Utilize volunteer efforts

5. Target dates?

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6. Community Involvement?

Build community awareness, support, and participation

Enhance the capabilities of current users

Extend basic capabilities to the geospatial "have-nots"

**7. Motion by TUG Sub-Committee
(Attached)**

Motion to Present to the Council

The Technical User Group Clearinghouse Sub-Committee of the Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems recommends that Information Technology Services (ITS) develop and publish a portal <http://mdem.ms.gov> for the MDEM effort. We recommend that the scope of the clearinghouse be limited to a distributed, electronically connected network of geospatial data producers, managers, and users. Based upon the sub-committee's objectives in setting clearinghouse functions, we recommend that the following be included in the initial planning and implementation of the clearinghouse:

- Metadata Repository*
- Geospatial Data Distribution*
- Geospatial Data Archival*
- Web Services (Web Mapping)*
- NSDI/TNM Integration*
- Contact Information*
- Meeting Minutes*
- Data Assets*
- Reports*
- Investment Plans (I-Plan)*
- Applications (Software)*
- Dynamic Inventory*
 - Data*
 - Metadata*
 - Applications*
- Calendar of Events*

We further recommend that ITS continue to work with the Technical User Group Clearinghouse Sub-Committee and/or an ITS Steering Committee of GIS users to continue to solicit feedback and needed changes after the initial publication of the pilot portal and clearinghouse.