Technical User Group Clearinghouse Sub-Committee Meeting 4-16-2004

Discussion Items Developed 4-12-04 in pursuit of the Clearinghouse/Portal

1. What are the committee’s objectives in defining the scope of the clearinghouse/portal?

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

A single point of entry for all things geospatial in Mississippi

Framework Layers (MDEM)

Standards-based

2. How does the committee define the functions of the clearinghouse/portal?

**Data Functions**
- Metadata Repository
- Data Assets
- Geospatial Data Distribution
- Geospatial Data Archival

**Information**
- Web Services
  - Web Mapping
  - Applications

**Software** (EPL, MC)

**Hardware**

**Coordination Functions**
- Federal Partnering (NSDI/TNM)
- Identify & Secure Funding Efforts

**Administrative Information**
- Meeting Minutes
- Reports & Documents
- Investment Plans (I-Plan)
- Calendar of Events

**Dynamic Inventory** (Data, Metadata, etc.)

**People**
- Contact Information
- Collaborative Mechanisms (Listserve, Forums)
3. **What tasks are of highest priority?**

   Establishing the Portal - [http://mdem.ms.gov](http://mdem.ms.gov) [http://msgis.ms.gov](http://msgis.ms.gov)

   Development of standards to participate in the clearinghouse
   - Data
   - Metadata
   - Applications
   - Serving as a distributed node

   Dedicated resources

   “Low-hanging fruit/nail soup” approach is suggested

4. **How do we best use available resources?**

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

5. **Target dates?**

   Council determines (DFIRM Data delivery?)

6. **Community Involvement Goals?**

   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)
Proposed 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://?.ms.gov in support of the MCCRSGIS.

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 definition of clearinghouse/portal functions, we recommend that the following elements be included in the initial planning and implementation of the clearinghouse/portal:

- **Data**
- **Information**
- **Software**
- **Hardware**
- **Coordination Functions**
- **People**

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.

Initially, we plan to move forward using volunteer efforts coordinated by ITS under the direction of the MCCRSGIS.