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://msgis.ms.gov?

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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"

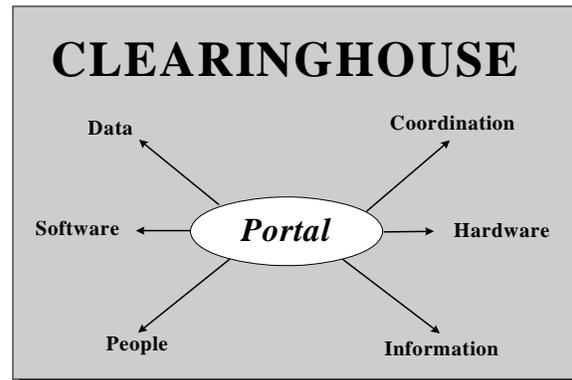**7.   Motion by TUG Sub-Committee
(Attached)**

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.