

What: National Ocean and Coastal Mapping Inventory Technical Workshop

Sponsor: Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IWG-OCM)

Background: The IWG-OCM sponsored the first of two OCM Inventory Workshops on 12 and 13 January 2011. The second workshop will focus on addressing the technical issues required to move the inventory development forward.

Workshop Deliverable - A clearly defined and unobstructed path forward to create a national inventory of ocean and coastal data and data acquisition plans – with an initial focus on elevation data - by coordinating Federal data services and metadata standards so that data from all the major federal repositories can be discovered through any geospatial web portal. See attached OCM Inventory Requirements Development Document

The path forward will:

1. enable the inventory to be expandable, first to the remaining framework OCM data types and then to other OCM data types;
2. enable the inventory to be expandable to include elevation and other OCM data from repositories other than the major federal ones, including minor federal repositories, regional, state, thematic, and academic repositories, as well as potential repositories that may be built to archive data from sources that cannot maintain their own repositories.;
3. be sufficiently compelling such that agency representatives can recruit necessary management support within their agencies;
4. be sufficiently detailed such that agency representatives will be able to initiate projects or activities that lead to successful data discovery through any geospatial web portal. These implementation details might consist of metadata templates, vocabularies for particular metadata fields, and defined formats for other metadata fields;
5. use existing geospatial portals for data discovery, unless the technical workshop recommendations include a plan for producing a dedicated OCM Inventory portal to include existing budget and program constraints; and
6. include - or will enable the inventory to be expanded to include - data services and plans for data acquisition.

Additional workshop information will be distributed shortly. Please identify representatives from your agency who have the requisite technical knowledge to participate in this workshop..... We look forward to your participation.

Respectfully,

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