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**Conference Call:** FEMA and ASFPM

**Subject:** Map Modernization

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**Participants:** FEMA, Washington – Mike Howard  
FEMA, Region VI – Jack Quarles  
ASFPM – Alan Lulloff and Mark Riebau

## **I. Status of Procurement of National Mapping Contractor**

A contract is being negotiated with the selected contractor. FEMA will notify ASFPM which firm was selected after a contract has been signed. A process has been developed to assure there are no conflicts of interest between the selected firm and other ongoing contracts with States.

## **II Development of “State Business Case”**

FEMA held a meeting with Regional staff the week of August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss, among other things, the development of State Business Plans. FEMA-Washington presented a proposed approach to the Regions to meet the national mapping program expectations. This proposal will be provided to the States in October and will be helpful in developing a State Business Plan. Part of the proposed approach identifies data quality standards for mapping projects. The proposed data quality standards reflect ASFPM's recommendations.

FEMA is looking at ways to assess State Business Plans and incorporate them into a five-year plan for Map Modernization. They realize it is important to distribute the funds evenly over the five-year period so States can rely on a steady flow of funds.

The Regions are also being directed to develop a "business plan" to mesh the National business plan with the States business plans. To help facilitate the development of the National-Regional-State business planning process four teams have been established. They are:

- Transition Team
- Performance Goals Team
- Risk Management Team
- Communications Strategy Team

There still seems to be significant differences between Regions in the amount of data and detail States are expected to provide for CTP agreements. North Carolina has been cited as the "model" CTP and FEMA was asked to provide a copy of their reporting requirements.

FEMA stated that there a single reporting system will be developed to assure that CTPs have the same reporting requirements that the Regions, other federal agencies, and study contractors have. The National Mapping Contractor will manage the reporting system. Performance based management measures will be applied to all contracts and agreements.

### **III Miscellaneous**

- FEMA has obligated an additional \$9 million (FY03 funds) to the Regions for studies;
- FEMA is still sorting out how small, disadvantaged communities "fit in" to the CTP approach;
- WIDNR used a B/C approach to arrive at a priority list for studies. FEMA was encouraged to do the same;
- Funds for CAP-MAP and CTP agreements are derived from the same funding source.