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February 9, 2009

Dear WAGIC Colleagues,

Thanks to all of you who attended and participated in our last WAGIC meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We regret having to cancel the December 18, 2008 meeting. In this month's WAGIC meeting on February 19, 2009, we are going to divide the meeting into two parts. The first part will consist of two presentations. The first will be by Alan Jakobitz of the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department who will discuss the Department of Homeland Security's recent release of Critical Infrastructure Data (HSIP Freedom) and the difference between HSIP Gold vs. HSIP Freedom. The second presentation will be by Joy Paulus of the Department of Information Services who will discuss the recent updates that were made to the *Information Services Board's Geographic Information Technology Committee's Charter* and our successful USGS 50 States Initiative CAP Grant application and what that means to WAGIC and GIS Coordination within Washington State. In addition Joy will provide us a brief overview of the Grant's Tasks/ Activities Timeline for the next year.

The second part of our meeting will be devoted to Washington State Framework Activities under the direction of Scott Van Hoff, the Framework Management Group (FMG) Chair. There will be presentations from the Hydrography, Transportation and Orthoimagery project managers and stewards.

We will conclude our meeting with a site roundtable, which is your opportunity to bring up issues or events of interest to the group.

The usual videoconference sites will be available for this meeting. For the latest information on video conferencing sites please visit the WAGIC website at <http://wagic.wa.gov>.

Available sites include:

- Bellingham: Western Washington University
- Olympia: Forum Building, DIS Boardroom
- Pasco: Educational Service District 123 – Whitman Room in the Main Building

- Seattle: University of Washington Libraries – Odegaard Undergraduate Library, Videoconference Studio
- Spokane: WSU Riverpoint Campus – SIRT Building, Room 310
- Pullman: Contact Richard Rupp (509) 335-2381 to confirm location, which is typically Johnson Hall Room 207 on the WSU campus.

If it is not feasible to attend the meeting at one of the sites listed, please consider participating by telephone. The number is at the top of the agenda.

If you have questions about the upcoming meeting, or WAGIC in general, please contact Joy Paulus at (360) 902-3447, or myself at (509) 477-6344, or visit the WAGIC website at <http://wagic.wa.gov>.

Sincerely,

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