



# Geographic Data Committee

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 9:30 am

Member Agency	Contact	Present
Alterra Technologies	Jim Stevens Matt Kelly	
Brazoria County Engineer's Office	Kevin Sherrodd Eric W. Dyess	
Burditt Consultants, LLC	Paul Howard John Ross	
CDS Market Research	Josh Wadley Charlie Savino	
CenterPoint Energy	Cindi Salas John Chambers	
City of Alvin	Ron Rosenwald Doug Ross	
City of Conroe	Les McKay Angela Slayton	
City of Houston, Houston Emergency Center	Ed Loomis	
City of Houston, Planning and Development	Max Samfield Larry Nierth Chris McPhilamy	•
City of Houston, Public Utilities Division	Greg Johnson Anthony Powell Kirt Arthur	
City of League City	Rick Brezik Andra Caudel	
City of Pasadena	Charles Vaughan Matt Ross	
City of Pearland	Michael Masters	
City of Sugar Land	Sharlett Chowning Lary Dorrington Eric Schenck	
City of Tomball	Delia McDonald Lori Lakatos	
City of West University Place	Bart Harms Gary McFarland	
CivilTech Engineering, Inc.	Annie Ding	•
CLR, Inc.	Austan Lupher Kyle Bertrand	
Contract Land Staff	Leon Law Kevin Taliaferro	
Cypress Creek Emergency Management Services	Toivo Sari	
Dannenbaum	Jeff Scarborough	•
Dodson & Associates, Inc.	Mark Starks Michael Henze	



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Fort Bend County Engineer's Office	Casey Lyde Ronald Drachenberg	•
Galveston Central Appraisal District	David Arnold	
Greater Fort Bend County EDC	Barkley Peschel	
Greater Harris County 911	Marc Berryman Greg Platek	
Harris County Appraisal District	Chengyan Wu Thang Nguyen	• •
Harris County Emergency Services District 7	Alan D. Lankford Tim Highley	
Harris County Flood Control District	Scott Lamon Michael Walters	•
Harris County Information Technology Center	Mickey McGee Travis Conner	
Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services	Christina Hailey Dischinger Stefan Nawrocki	• •
Harris County Public Infrastructure Department Architecture & Engineering Division	Samuel Garcia Andre C. Bally	•
Harris County Tax Office	Bryan Dunaway Ed Johnson	
Harris County Toll Road Authority	Jason C. Cowart Burt Lee	•
HDR   Claunch & Miller, Inc.	Doug Wilson Joshua Vickrey	
HNTB Corporation	Heather Standley	
Houston Advanced Research Center	Mustapha Beydoun	
Houston Airport System	Katherine Luu Brandon Williams	
Houston Community College	Richard DeBose	
Houston Fire Department	James Hugo Adrian Trevino	
Houston TranStar	Maria Cristela Vera	
Houston-Galveston Area Council	Tanya Nguyen Robert LaBarbera	
Katy Area Economic Development Council	Matthew McCauley Lance LaCour	
Klein Volunteer Fire Department	Rich Jones	
Knudson	Ben Murphey Raul Hinojosa Matt Bruning	
LAN (Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam), Inc.	Derek St. John David Manuel	



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LJA Engineering & Surveying	George Culver Brandon Copeland	•
Magellan Consulting, Inc.	Virginia Appl Sam Wilson	
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	John Labio Bryan Carroll	• •
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.	Vince Hamilton Daniel Bally	
Montgomery & Associates, LLC	Crystal Carreon Dehui Su	
Montgomery County 911	Chiu-Wen Ray Robert M. Gunter	•
North Harris College (now, Lone Star)	Peter E. Price Michael Konvicka	•
Pate Engineers, Inc.	Cheli Cellmer Amanda Menard	•
PBS & J	Timothy P. Ledet Gray Rackley	
Port of Houston Authority	Grant Garrison Brian Doolittle	•
R7 Solutions	Bryan Hassin Kraettli Epperson	
Rice University	Kim Ricker German Diaz	•
Sam Houston State University Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas	David William Webb David R. Hoffpaur	
TCB (Turner, Collie & Braden)	Bruce Davidson John Laser	
Texas Department of Transportation	Kathy DeBettencourt Cindy Gloyna Jeremy Scott	•
Texas Medical Center	Marilyn A. Robinson Bassem Nassif	
Texas Southern University	Dr. Qisheng Pan Dr. Lalita Sen	
Texas Water Development Board	Felicia D. Retiz Erik O'Brian	•
University of Houston, Department of Economics	Janet Kohlhase	
Waller County Economic Development Partnership	Vince Yokom	•



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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.	Jeremy Scott (TXDOT)
<b>Item 1:</b> Review of the Previous Minutes	The minutes were accepted as presented.	Jeremy Scott (TXDOT)
<p><b>Item 2:</b></p> <p>H-GAC &amp; GDC Financial Report</p>	<p>Nancy Haussler (CFO) presented the GDC financial statement through October 31 2008. The statement is listed on a “cash” basis as opposed to an accrual basis. Copies of the financial report were distributed to the GDC members for review. Comparison information is also on the statement from 2006 and 2007. Total expenses to date are \$1,881,950, leaving a current net loss of \$534,926. It was brought up that in September there was additional billing that was done for the GDC, whose revenues have yet to be reflected in the statement (monies not yet received). It was also mentioned tat the financial statement will look better into next year with the added funds that come in through current billing. Slightly over \$600,000 has been billed and not yet received.</p> <p>Nancy Haussler requested for the purpose of the meeting that the GDC approve the report. After roster tally review, Larry Nierth determined a quorum was present. A motion was made to accept the financial report by Jeremy Scott. With no objection, the motion carried, and was accepted.</p>	<p>Nancy Haussler (H-GAC)</p>
<p><b>Item 3:</b></p> <p>2008 Aerial Order Website for GDC Members</p>	<p>Chau Le (web Developer) introduced the website and showed where it is located in the H-GAC website. There are separate sections on the form for ordering the imagery, depending on whether you are a GDC member or not. H-GAC will be emailing the GDC members their respective 10-digit ID to submit with the order request. Only current GDC member that are up to date with their membership fees will receive an ID.</p> <p>Currently there is also 2006 Imagery that can be downloaded and delivered in ZIP files through the website based on Lambert tile number (16 mb each). It was mentioned that large numbers of tiles need to be downloaded after business hours.</p> <p>Purchases can be made with a purchase order, check, or by credit card. Tile by tile orders will be available though FTP.</p>	<p>Chau Le (H-GAC)</p>
	Carrie Troia with InfoUSA was present to talk about the data, where it comes from, and how to compile it.	



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<p><b>Item 4:</b></p> <p>InfoUSA 2009</p>	<p>Currently over 100,000 agencies nation wide utilize the database. Over 30 million dollar a year is spent insuring accuracy of the data each year. The data is provided in text format to H-GAC, who then geocodes the addresses. Their data compilation begins with over 5,500 telephone directories, and is further supplemented with annual reports, FCC information, utility connection data, Federal state and local data, commerce data, magazines, newspapers, and postal service information. They do subscribe to the national change of address and get updated information on a weekly basis. There are 60 associates that update the listing information. They also remove duplicates.</p> <p>92% of addresses are accurate to the Zip + 4 level. Over 80,000 phone calls are made a day to verify the data by 300 research associates located in Omaha. Larger business are verified up to four times a year. All addresses are entered in manually (no scanning).</p> <p>The cost to the GDC is about \$50,000 for the 13 county region, which is a substantial savings over the retail cost of over \$79,000.</p> <p>The online tool also allows searches outside of the 13 county region. This tool has one user (currently the GDC collectively), and this seat allows for a download of 7,500 additional records. If the GDC user downloads above and beyond the stated 7,500 records through the online tool, then InfoUSA will charge the GDC for another seat for the following year. One user costs \$2,000, and each additional user costs an additional \$145. While a user has the unlimited access through the tool to search the records inside and outside our region, any and all actual downloads will count against the 7,500 quota. As many searches and look-ups can be done online as desired, but if you proceed in addition to download the data to disk, the limit of our purchase is 7,500.</p> <p>Grant mentioned that it was important to note that this online tool is provided as an addition, and nothing like this was available in the past.</p> <p>Robert mentioned that there is a minimum of \$1,000 to get the InfoUSA. Last year there were 18 participants, but many gave more than the minimum amount. The \$1,000 does not guarantee the data is bought. It is only purchased if enough people contribute to the cooperative purchase. March 31 is the deadline for financial commitment.</p>	<p>Carrie Troia (InfoUSA)</p>



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	<p>While the possibility of going to a county by county basis was discussed, it was noted that Harris County alone costs almost \$48,000. For an additional \$2,000, we're getting the entire area.</p>	
<p><b>Item 5:</b> GIS Day Update:</p>	<p>Christina Dischinger mentioned that GIS Day is 2 weeks away. If you want to be an exhibitor, it's not too late, but you will not be added to the program. Samples of the GIS Day brochure are available, provided by TxDOT. Discount parking vouchers are available for those wanting to visit for the day. The vouchers make the \$8 parking fee cost \$5. You need this voucher to get out of the garage. Opening ceremony starts at 9:30 am. T-shirts and lunch are provided for volunteers. A few posters done by HCFCD are available here for pickup. The pdf is available from download as well. 433 Students are expected for Friday's Kids Day. The opening for Friday is at 10 am. The location is at UH (central campus) University Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.</p>	<p>Christina Dischinger (HCPHES)</p>
<p><b>Item 6:</b> Other issues:</p>	<p>*Three new members were announced:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Dannenbaum Engineering</li> <li>2) Houston Association of Realtors (HAR)</li> <li>3) The Greater Houston Partnership</li> </ol> <p>*Kim Richter was also introduced as a new member. She is the new Director of Data Services at Rice University.</p> <p>*The Aerial TAC meeting is scheduled for 1-2pm here after lunch to go over the 2008 imagery.</p> <p>*Sanborn map plots are here for each cost share participant.</p> <p>The ESRI class Cartography with GIS was brought up as being an interest for consideration for either being held at the ESRI facility or at H-GAC. Please pass on correspondence to Robert if you are interested. Robert mentioned that the quoted cost may be slightly more if they do not get a minimum of 8 people enrolled.</p> <p>Chiu-Wen Ray mentioned that Montgomery County 911 was holding two ESRI training classes &amp; :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Building Geodatabases (26-28 of January)</li> <li>2) Intro. To Multi-User Geodatase (January 29-30)</li> </ol> <p>Four seats are available.</p>	

Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.**



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Upcoming Meeting

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GDC Guests	Contact
Knudsen and Associates	Ben Murphy
City of Houston	Jackie Smith
City of Laporte	Isaac Rodriguez
City of Pearland	James Appel
City of Houston	Kurt Arthor