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Richard Butgereit, GIS Administrator  
Florida Statewide GIS Steering Committee  
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2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard.  
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Dear Mr. Butgereit:

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Secretariat strongly supports Florida's efforts to develop and implement a Strategic Plan for Statewide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordination. I applaud the Florida GIS Steering Committee's initiative and effort which has resulted in completion of the Strategic Plan; a plan whose implementation will be vital to effective program coordination. With the vision and goals clearly established in the Strategic Plan, we look forward to the successful achievement of these goals as Florida's plan moves forward.

Florida's effort to broaden geospatial coordination is the keystone of effective Federal- State geospatial coordination and collaboration. The FGDC values Florida's statewide geospatial coordination because it leverages scarce resources and ensures that high quality digital map information is available for Floridians and the Nation.

The FGDC is committed to advancing our nation's geospatial resources by working in partnership with Florida. If I can be of assistance on this matter please feel free to contact me. My office phone is (703) 648-5752.

Sincerely,

Ivan B. DeLoatch  
Staff Director  
Federal Geographic Data Committee