

Protection Association. The Department carefully evaluated these proposals in relation to the criteria for reviewing statements of interest. Subsequent to that it invited each organization to come to HUD and meet with program officials, both to respond to identical questions posed to each organization and to permit each organization to present any matter to HUD officials that it deemed appropriate and ask any questions. Following these meetings the Department gave further consideration to which entity should be selected.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department announces the selection of the National Fire Protection Association to be a consensus standards development organization to develop and maintain recommended standards for the Manufactured Housing program. NFPA will thus replace the selection of CABO made in 1988. There is no agreement between the Department and the NFPA that obligates the NFPA to develop recommended standards or that obligates the Department to use or pay for the development of recommended standards. This selection in no way precludes any other individual or entity from making recommendations to the Department regarding program standards; such recommendations will also be reviewed and considered by the Department for incorporation into the FMHCSS, as required by law.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

Art Agnos,

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Recreation Lakes Study; Notice of Interest Briefing

AGENCY: National Recreation Lakes Study.

ACTION: Notice of Interest Briefing on National Recreation Lakes Study.

SUMMARY: The Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 authorizes a presidential commission to review the demand for recreation at Federal lakes, and to develop alternatives for enhanced recreation uses, primarily through innovative public/private partnerships. This briefing will provide information on the study and allow for ideas to be expressed. Commissioner designee, Dr. John Zirschky, Acting Assistant

Secretary of the Army, will be in attendance.

DATES: June 11, 1998, starting at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The briefing location is in the first floor Auditorium of the South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW. Please have photo identification available for admission into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Whittington, 202-219-7104.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

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Executive Director, National Recreation Lakes Study.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Review of the "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions"

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is sponsoring a public review of the draft "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions".

The FGDC recognizes that standards must meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such view. The FGDC invites the community to review, test, and evaluate the proposed standard. Comments are encouraged about the content, completeness, applicability, and usability of the proposed standard.

The FGDC anticipates that the proposed standard will be adopted as Federal Geographic Data Committee standard after updating or revision. The standard may be forwarded to voluntary standards bodies for adoption if interest warrants such actions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 20, 1998.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Requests for written copies of the standard should be addressed to "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions", FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192; telephone 703-648-5514; facsimile 703-648-5755; or Internet at gdc@usgs.gov. The standard may be downloaded from this Internet address:

ftp://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Standards/SDTS_Pt5/.

Reviewer's comments may be sent to the FGDC via Internet mail to: gdc-sdtsras@www.fgdc.gov. Reviewer comments may also be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send one hardcopy version of the comments and a soft copy version, preferably on a 3.5x3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) defines a general mechanism for the transfer of geographically referenced spatial data and its supporting metadata, i.e., attributes, data quality reports, coordinate reference systems, security information, etc. The overriding principle that SDTS promotes is that the spatial data transfer should be self-documenting. The data set in SDTS should contain all of the information that is needed to assess and (or) use the data for any appropriate GIS application. The SDTS base specification (Parts 1, 2 and 3) is implemented via profiles of SDTS. A SDTS profile, in general terms, may be defined as a limited subset of the standard, designed for use with a specific type of data model, i.e., topological vector, point, grid, image, etc. Specific choices are made for encoding possibilities not addressed, left optional, or left with numerous choices within the SDTS base specification. A profile may also specify extensions to the base standard to address changing technologies, and to take advantage of other industry standards. For raster image data, there are numerous standards, with various properties, restrictions, and degrees of implementation. The SDTS Raster Profile and Extensions (SRPE) permits the use of two common industry standards for image data: Basic Image Interchange Format (BIIF) and Tagged Image File Format (TIFF). The BIIF defines a general mechanism for the transfer of image data and any support data, i.e. image parameters, visualization parameters, compression parameters, text annotations, symbols, etc. BIIF is an ANSI/ISO standard and is in wide the use in the commercial military community (formerly NITF). TIFF is a general purpose image file format that is used widely for simple image applications.

For answers to questions related to the content of the standard please contact the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Subcommittee on Base Cartographic Data, attn. Mark Demulder, U.S. Geological Survey, 511 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.