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Mr. Keith T. Weber Idaho State University GIS Training and Research Center 921 S. 8th Avenue, Stop 8104 Pocatello, ID 83209-8104

Dear Mr. Weber,

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Office of the Secretariat is pleased to provide this letter of support for your recently completed business plan for the *Development of Regional Geopositioning Cooperative for Idaho and Montana*. We congratulate you and your partners for this accomplishment. We were pleased to provide the funding and support for this work through our 2011 National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP). The FGDC is designated as the coordinating entity responsible for developing and implementing national strategies to advance the goals of the NSDI. Since 2005, the FGDC has encouraged states, through the NSDI CAP, to develop and implement strategic and business plans that facilitate and leverage programs, policies, technologies, and resources to enable the state-wide coordination, collection, documentation, discovery, distribution, exchange and maintenance of geospatial information in support of the NSDI. We look forward to seeing the ongoing results of the implementation of your plans and we thank you for being an active member of the geospatial community in supporting the development of the NSDI.

If there are any questions, please contact Arista Maher (703-648-6283, <u>amaher@fgdc.gov</u>) or Gita Urban-Mathieux (703-648-5175, burbanma@fgdc.gov).

Sincerely,

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