Geospatial Data Act

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Relevance to Virginia

• Virginia agencies have received federal geospatial assistance funds in the past and will in the future
• These funds can have a direct impact upon the geospatial activities of state and local government
• Co-sponsored by Senator Mark Warner
Federal Geospatial Assistance to Virginia

- VBMP Ortho Program Support
  - DoD/USGS “133 Cities Initiative” $$ each 4 year flight cycle since 2002
- Dept. of Commerce Broadband Mapping initiative 2009-2014
- USGS National Enhanced Elevation Program (LiDAR)
- Other indirect $$ to state agencies for emergency management, transportation, natural resources, regulatory functions...

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Positives to Supporting GDA

• GDA
  – establishes authority and congressional oversight to the FGDC
  – provides financial tracking of geospatial investments
  – requires federal agency coordination on geospatial data investments

• Oversight body structure (NGAC) similar to VGIN Board structure
Letters of Support for GDA

- *NASCIO
- *NSGIC with NACo, NARC, NLC
- URISA
- 14 state GIS coordinating entities

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Discussion