

Meeting Minutes of the Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction Earth Observation Working Group

September 7, 2006, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC Room MIC 5B

Earth Observations Working Group Chairs

Steve Ambrose (NASA), Co-Chair

Tim Batista (NOAA), Co-Chair

Bruce Quirk (USGS), Co-Chair*

Attendees

Erica Brown (NOAA)

Bruce Davis (DHS)*

Craig Dobson (NASA)

John LaBrecque (NASA)

Greg Susanke (EPA)

I. Call to Order

II. Summary of Discussion

The primary topics of this meeting included discussion of the Interagency Discussion on a National LIDAR Mapping Initiative and preliminary development of a Earth Observations Grand Challenges document. USGS and NASA briefed EOWG on the intent to initiate a national LIDAR topographic mapping capability that provides standardized and uniform coverage of the entire U. S.. An Interagency discussion will be hosted by NASA September 12, 2006 and chaired by Dr. Bruce Quirk. This meeting will coincide with the annual visit by the American Association of State Geologists (AASG). A USGS/NASA LIDAR coordination meeting will occur September 14-15, 2006 in St. Petersburg, Florida to present recent USGS and NASA efforts in LIDAR collection and instrument design.

Additionally, EOWG members discussed the intent, focus, preliminary design of the Earth observations Grand Challenges document recently tasked by SDR. The group identified several potential document design strategies which will be drafted and distributed amongst EOWG members for further iteration. Development of this document will be a priority action for EOWG.

VI. Future Meetings

The EOWG tries to meet on the first or second Thursday of every month, normally a week before the SDR meeting.

VII. Agenda Items and Other Communications with the Subcommittee

Please send proposed agenda items and any other items intended for distribution to the full EOWG working group to any one of the EOWG co-chairs.

VIII. Contact Information EOWG Leadership

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IV. Summary of August Actions

Action	Lead	By When
Provide draft design EOWG Grand Challenges Document	Tim Batista	September 30, 2006

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