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Oracle recognizes the importance of the National States Geographic Information Council's (NSGIC) Imagery for the Nation (IFTN) initiative and the positive impact it brings to the nation's economic growth. The availability of precise, up-to-date geospatial imagery is of great importance to enhancing government's ability to design new transportation corridors, manage our natural resources, and respond to disasters. The investment in our nation's information infrastructure also provides immediate benefit to American information and communication technology (ICT) industry, as through the delivery of enhanced commercial mapping products and online services.

By fully funding the IFTN, Congress will provide a compelling incentive for federal, tribal, state, regional, and local governments to coordinate the development of consistent and seamless imagery for the Nation. Coordinating the acquisition of imagery for the nation lowers the cost to the taxpayer and improves the availability of high quality, value-added imagery products for government. The ready availability of this rich content on a national scale also motivates scientific and commercial advances that are previously not possible.

In short, this initiative will help to maintain US leadership in geospatial technologies, while helping to better manage our resources, communities and economy. It will contribute to a broader national spatial information infrastructure that is the foundation for our future economic development. Oracle strongly endorses the IFTN proposal and looks forward to its successful acceptance.

Sincerely,



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