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Dear Jim:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft *Guidelines for Procurement of Professional Photogrammetry, Lidar and Related Remote Sensor-based Geospatial Mapping Services*.

On behalf of GITA's Board of Directors, I would like to support the comments made in a letter submitted by the URISA Board of Directors, as well as those articulated by seven private sector members of ASPRS (the "Participating Firms Memo"), both attached.

GITA, along with several other geospatial associations, voiced similar concerns in an *amicus curiae* brief submitted in conjunction with the MAPPS v. U.S. case. Our position has not changed on these issues. Rather than restate the same positions once again, GITA desires to be on record as in complete agreement with the URISA and Participating Firms feedback, and urges the Drafting Committee to take these comments into serious consideration.

Yours very truly,



Robert M. Samborski
Executive Director

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Attachments: URISA Board of Directors Letter
Participating Firms Memo