



# Keynote Address

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**Federal Geographic Data Committee**



# Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)

## HIFLD and GeoPlatform Joint Session

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## Executive Summary



Codifies the role and authorities of the FGDC

Establishes the NGAC as a statutory advisory committee

Policy and guidance to empower the use of geospatial data and technology

Establishes agency responsibilities

 **GEOPLATFORM.gov**

Establishes stewardship of geospatial assets

National Spatial Data Infrastructure

Budgeting and reporting requirements

# Geospatial Data Act of 2018

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The GDA reflects growing recognition of the essential role of geospatial data and technology and highlights the need to support their continuing development as critical infrastructure for the Nation.



**The GDA formalizes Federal government structures related to geospatial data**



**The GDA provides policy and guidance to empower the use of geospatial data and technology**



**Facilitates broad cooperation between the public and private sector**

Positions the U.S. to be a global leader in utilization of geospatial technology

## Context—

*The GDA is one of several new data initiatives aimed at:*

- Promoting and improving access to data for public health, economic growth, environment and other purposes
- Promoting use of quality scientific and other data to improve policymaking
- Sparking public private partnerships, new innovative start-ups & services

Federal Data Strategy

Geospatial Data Act

## Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act

- TITLE I: Federal Evidence-Building Activities
- TITLE II: Open Government Data Act
- TITLE III: Confidential Information Protection And Statistical Efficiency



## Draft Language

### Action 11: Improve Geospatial Data Standards

By June 2020, the Federal Government will have improved geospatial data standards for all Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDC) data themes. The Geospatial Data Act requires the FGDC to establish standards for each of the National Geospatial Data Asset data themes and content standards for metadata, consistent with international standards and with public feedback, excluding public disclosure of any information that reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national interest, security, or defense of the nation.

**Responsible:** Federal Geospatial Data Committee

**Supported practice(s):** *Prioritize Data Governance; Leverage Data Standards*

**Measurement:** Number of FGDC data themes with improved geospatial data standards  
Established content standards for metadata (Y/N)

**Timeline:** Completed within 12 months



# 2018 Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion Awardee

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The  
*Doug D. Nebert*  
*National Spatial Data Infrastructure*  
*Champion of the Year Award*

honors Doug Nebert, who was a respected FGDC colleague, technical visionary, and recognized a national and international leader in the establishment of spatial data infrastructures.

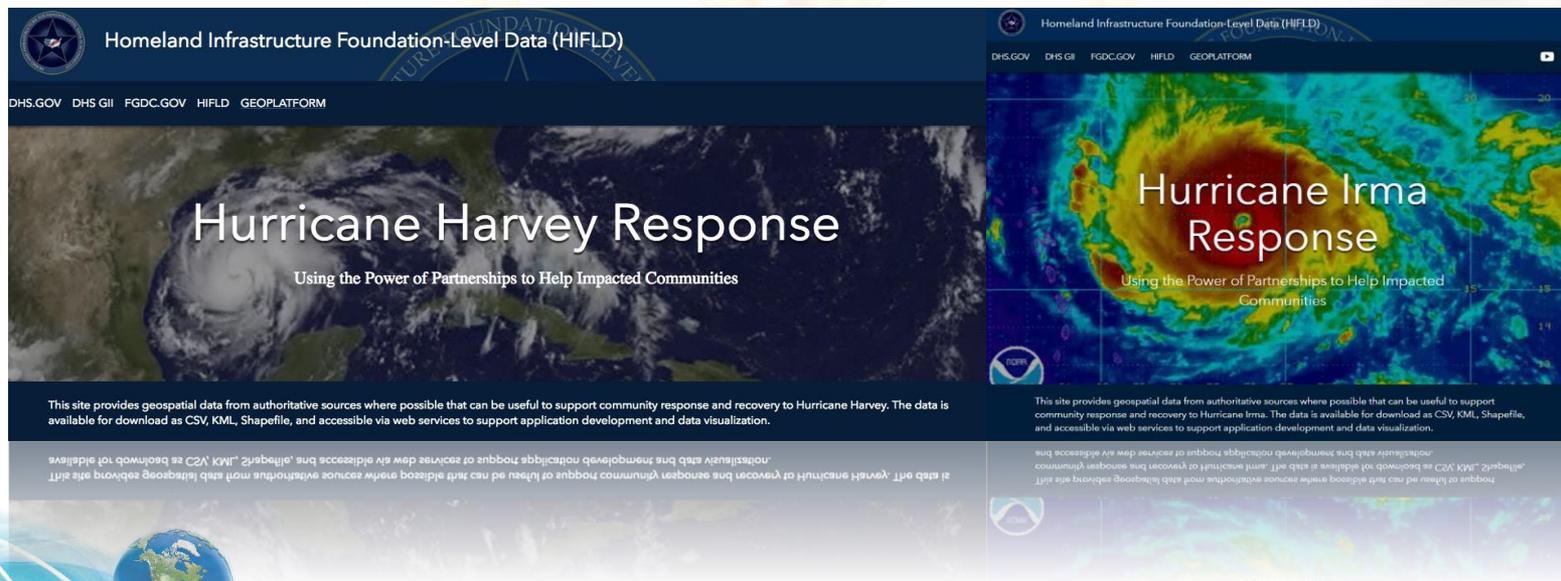


The award recognizes exemplary technical achievement and leadership in supporting the development and advancement of NSDI.



The recipient of the  
*2018 Doug D. Nebert*  
*NSDI Champion of the Year Award*  
is the

**2017 Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level  
Data (HIFLD) hurricane response team.**



# HIFLD 2017 Hurricane Response Team

- Rexford Tugwell
- Mike Piscotti
- John Carlin
- Lina Dailide-Custodio
- John Murtagh
- William Nellist
- Justin Reed
- Todd Coon
- Thomas Springsteen
- Katherine Zezima



National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

- Lewis Summers
- Michael Bergman
- Chris Brehany
- Travis Hardy
- Julie Eckert
- Zachary Gordon
- Matt Pagan
- Jonathan Rayer
- Nate Smith
- Robert Shumowsky



Department of Homeland Security, GMO

- Chris Vaughan
- Dante Terango
- Brad Bottoms
- Julie Carter



FEMA

- Tod Dabolt
- Kayloni Ah Tong



Department of the Interior

- Peter O'Rourke
- Rebecca Harned
- Tari Martin
- Angela Pervél
- Paul Doherty



National Alliance for Public Safety GIS

- Bill McGilvery
- Stuart Rucker
- Charmel Menzel



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