Committee Work Plan and Progress Report

Date of Report __August 2011_____

Name of Committee

Societal Impacts Committee

I. PERSONNEL AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Committee Leadership

Name of Chair	**E-mail Address**
Carmelle J. Terborgh	cterborgh@esri.com
Name of Vice-Chair(s)	**E-mail Address**
Brigitta Urban-Mathieux – GSDI Small Grants Program	burbanma@usgs.gov
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Jeremy Shen – Capacity Building Resources	moi0795@moi.gov.tw

Subcommittees (if any)

Title of any Current Subcommittee or Working Group	**Names of Subcommittee Chair(s)**	**E-mail Address**
GSDI Small Grants Program	Brigitta Urban-Mathieux	burbanma@usgs.gov
Developing Nations Fund	Juna Papajorgji	juna@ufl.edu
Capacity Building Resources	Jeremy Shen	moi0795@moi.gov.tw

Broad Objectives and Responsibilities of the Committee

Benefits of SDI are to foster:

- **Economic prosperity**: improving local to national economic competitiveness,
- **Effective environmental management**: addressing local to global environmental quality and change,
- **Good governance**: increasing efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and equity in all levels of government,
- **Societal advancement**: advancing the health, safety and social wellbeing of humankind in all nations.

The Societal Impacts Committee explores the organizational/institutional frameworks within which spatial data infrastructures are developed locally and across institutions, individual nations, multi-nation regions and globally. The Committee encourages

dialogue and interaction with respect to varying approaches and explores SDI models, approaches, and experiences with the goal to enhance cooperation among nations in sharing spatial content, including spatial data, spatially-enabled services, geoprocessing models, etc.

In transforming recommendations into action, this committee shall advise the Board on all matters that involve the GSDI Association with regard to funded projects, including grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts, in order to accomplish the greatest societal benefit. Funded projects are defined as any payments to the GSDI Association that oblige the GSDI Association to provide services to the organization providing the funding. The GSDI Association Board retains the final authority over such funded activities, cooperative agreements and contracts.

The committee shall be responsible for dealing with all sources of externally funded activities for the GSDI Association. The Committee shall:

- communicate with funding agencies to determine or develop requests for proposals or scope of work for GSDI Association projects,
- solicit professionals from GSDI Association member institutions to complete this work,
- accomplish proposal peer review processes if required or desired, and
- monitor such contracts to ensure completion in a timely manner in adherence to schedules agreed upon with the funding agency.

The chair and vice-chair of the Societal Impacts Committee, as well as the Executive Committee of the GSDI Association, are ineligible, as individuals, to apply for any project funding administered by the Societal Impacts Committee during their term and for six months after their last date of service on the Committee, whether by resignation, expiration of term, or otherwise. This ban also includes the chair of any sponsored projects subcommittee processing such grants.

Although a committee does not need to operate through subcommittees, subcommittees developed and charged by the Societal Impacts Committee, among others, might include:

- Small Grants Subcommittee
- Organizational and Institutional Workshop Materials Development Subcommittee

II. EXISTING WORK PLAN

A. List of All Existing Projects and Initiatives of the Committee and its Subcommittees

Dear Committee Chair, Please list the titles of all projects or initiatives in the existing work plan of this committee and its subcommittees.

1. GSDI Small Grants Program
2. Developing Nations Fund
3. Capacity Building Resources

B. Details for Each Project

For each major project or initiative in the above, please duplicate the following table and fill in the requested information. Feel free to expand the number and size of table cells as needed. Each individual project should also have a list of detailed tasks and deadlines for your committee use but those details need not be reported here.

Title of Project or Initiative		
Developing Nations Fund		
Name of Subcommittee (if any) Accomplishing this Project		
Developing Nations Fund Program		
Objective of Project or Initiative		
This fund is used to support human capacity building in developing nations such as by covering travel expenses of representatives of national organizations from developing countries to attend important SDI-related conferences and workshops.		
Describe the Expected Products or Results	**Target Completion Date**	**Actual Completion Date**
1. Provision of travel grants for individuals to attend GSDI-13 in Quebec	May 2012	
2. Work with GSDI-13 organizers on travel grants for attendees from developing nations, esp. Francophone Africa	May 2012	
3. Work with Industry in Canada to donate to the Fund	May 2012	
4. Approach previous beneficiaries for statements about the benefits that they received as a result of these funds.	Dec 2011	
5. Fundraiser at GSDI-13 – sell the remaining GSDI Association Lapel Pins for $10 each (61 pins remaining)	May 2012	
Project Personnel		
Name		**E-mail (if not already**

	listed above)
1. Juna Papajorgji	
2. Marilyn Gallant	mgallant@gsdi.org
3. Carmelle Terborgh	

Title of Project or Initiative		
2011-2012 GSDI Small Grants Awards		
Name of Subcommittee (if any) Accomplishing this Project		
GSDI Small Grants Program		
Objective of Project or Initiative		
To provide small grants (thanks to the support of the FGDC) and consulting services (via the GISCorps) to SDI related initiatives in the developing world.		
Describe the Expected Products or Results	**Target Completion Date**	**Actual Completion Date**
1. 14 Awards were successfully made in early 2011 – posted here: http://www.gsdi.org/sic1	Feb 2011	Feb 2011
2. Call for Applications for the 2011-2012 Small Grants Program Announced	August 2011	August 2011
3. Awards to be given out to successful 2011-2012 Small Grants applications	February 2012	-
Project Personnel		
Name		**E-mail (if not already listed above)**
1.Brigitta Urban-Mathieux		
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3.Carmelle Terborgh		
Also, several Regional SDI Orgs supported the regional reviews of the grant applications.		

C. Narrative Summary of the Progress on All Existing Projects and Initiatives

Using the information from the above project reports and other sources, please provide a cogent narrative summary of the progress on all projects and initiatives in the existing work plan of this committee and its subcommittees.

Since its inception in 2003, the Small Grants Program has provided 92 Grants and $175,000; plus it has leveraged Grants of voluntary service from GISCorps to many grants since 2005. We are planning another 12 grants to be issued from the 2011-2012 Call for Applications.

Since 2003, the Developing Nations Fund Program has raised $10,923 to support travel

to GSDI events for colleagues from developing nations. At the GSDI 12 and CODIST meetings, we raised an additional $620 from the sale of lapel pins. During 2011, we will work to raise the awareness about the Developing Nations Fund of the GSDI Association through our membership, the International Geospatial Society membership, and the GSDI13 conference attendees so that they may further support the fund in the future.

Please include any additional reporting from your committee members or address additional items outside of your wok plan as you think appropriate.

III. PROPOSED WORK PLAN - 2011 TO 2012

A. List of All Proposed Projects and Initiatives of the Committee and its Subcommittees

Dear Committee Chair, Please list the titles of all projects or initiatives in the proposed work plan of this committee and its subcommittees. Please include the titles of any continuing projects.

1. Share more capacity building resources via the SIC website - http://www.gsdi.org/sic3 .
2. Complete another training opportunity with Chinese Taipei in 2012.
3. Get more resources for development nation participation in GSDI-13 through the Developing Nations Fund.
4. Send a standard Small Grant report to all previous GSDI Small Grant awardees.

B. Details for Each Project

For each major project or initiative in the above list that is not already included in the existing work plan under II, please duplicate the following table and fill in the requested information. Feel free to expand the number and size of table cells as needed. Each individual project should also have a list of detailed tasks and deadlines for your committee use but those details need not be reported here.

Title of Project or Initiative		
Build capacity building resources into the SIC website - http://www.gsdi.org/sic3		
Name of Subcommittee (if any) Accomplishing this Project		
Capacity Building Resources		
Objective of Project or Initiative		
The goal of this effort is to have a resource site where all SDI related training, workshops, and materials can be linked.		
Describe the Expected Products or Results	**Target Completion Date**	**Actual Completion Date**
1. Gathering of resources	ongoing	
2. New resources linked on a page on Capacity Building	March 2011	May 2011
3. Conducting another training program with Chinese Taipei (3 people)	July 2012	
4. Translate SDI-AP newsletter in Chinese version on a regular basis	ongoing	Will continue in 2012

Project Personnel	
Name	**E-mail (if not already listed above)**
1. Jeremy Shen	
2. Carmelle Terborgh	

C. Narrative Summary of the New Work Plan for the Committee and All Subcommittees

Using the information from the above project reports and other sources, please provide a cogent narrative summary of the plans for all projects and initiatives in the proposed work plan of this committee and its subcommittees.

We revitalized the committee with a virtual meeting through a webinar. The next webinar will be late Sept 2011. We are excited to rollout the activities noted above. We now have 3 new vice-chairs taking leadership over the developing nations fund, GSDI small grants program, and the capacity building resources initiative.

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