

# Memo

**To:** Commission Members  
**From:** Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian  
**Date:** August 1, 2006  
**Re:** MLIAC updates

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Please know that on June 1, 2006 the Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC) passed the following motion: Motion to request Dick Clark, Montana CIO, to assess the current state of a common operating picture for the coordination and distribution of State of Montana geographic information assets and report at the MLIAC meeting on 9/7/2006.

The motion passed after some discussion within in the Council regarding the State Librarian's role as well. Council members were assured that the State Librarian would be involved in all parts of the assessment.

On June 27, 2006, I received word from Robin Trenbeath that he had been appointed by Dick Clark to chair the subgroup and that he was putting together a draft goals, objectives, and issues outline which he would share later (he did on July 7 and it is included in your packet).

The MLIA Current Operating Environment Sub-Group as they are called consists of the following members:

- Robin Trenbeath, CIO, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, state government representative from Helena, Chair of subgroup
- Ken Wall, GeoData Services, Inc Missoula, MAGIP representative
- Lance Clampitt, USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center, Bozeman, USDI representative
- RJ Zimmer, formerly county GIS analyst, currently working in private sector, Helena

You will find in your packets the materials we shared with the subgroup when we were asked to come and make a presentation to them. The materials include:

- Our response to their specific four questions
- The NRIS 2006 survey results and comments
- The Rationale for Montana's Geographic Information Clearinghouse at NRIS
- A copy of the Feb 2003 signed Memorandum of Understanding between Montana State Library and Information Technology Services Division regarding GIS and Geospatial information.

These materials are provided to you as for your information at this time. I think it could be really important if one or two of you could plan to attend the MLIAC meeting on September 7, 2006 as the Sub-Group is planning to make their official comments/recommendations at that time.