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## ***What Has MAPPS Done For You Lately?***

- Secured a \$3 million increase in USGS funding for 3DEP and additional 3DEP funds through FEMA.
- Won approval of a version of the Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform (FLAIR) Act by the U.S. Senate in a comprehensive energy bill.
- Defeated an amendment that would have removed QBS from the federal highway program and permitted states to award contracts to the lowest bidder.
- Led the effort for introduction of the Digital Coast Act, S. 2325, which has passed the U.S. Senate and H.R. 4738, pending in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Led effort for enactment into law of Public Law 114-183, the SAFE PIPES Act, to increase the use of geospatial technology to improve location data of pipelines and other underground utilities, passed by Congress and signed by President Obama.
- Worked with the Federal Highway Administration on a new policy, survey of state DOTs, and monitoring utilization of the private sector for surveying and mapping services, as well as reduce duplication of and competition with the private sector.
- Testified before Congress on unfair government competition with private enterprise.
- Selected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to be on a task force on registration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).
- Released and updated the geospatial profession's first guideline for best practices on citizen privacy and the collection, storage, use and dissemination of geolocation data, including collection by UAS.
- Led a government-wide effort, created by the President of the United States and sponsored by the NTIA of the U.S. Commerce Department, to document the positive societal benefits of UAS and protect individual citizen privacy.
- Selected by the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) to sit on a task force on the future of surveying.
- MAPPS was the only geospatial organization invited to attend and participate in a White House conference on Drones & the Future of Aviation.
- Hosted education programs on UAS applications and operations for geospatial at the Drone World Expo conference.
- Worked with Congress and the General Services Administration (GSA) on ways to improve the Federal Real Property Profile (FRRP) utilizing GIS and geo-referenced real property data to create a current, accurate inventory of land and buildings owned by the Federal government.
- Fought several RFPs by state department of transportation (DoT) to purchase equipment for in-house competition with and duplication of the private sector.

- Led efforts on an amendment to the Department of the Interior funding bill in the U.S. House of Representatives to prevent government competition with the private sector for geospatial and remote sensing data collection activities utilizing UAS.
- Launched an “Emerging Leaders” program to train and educate the next generation of firm principals.
- Participated in a National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Partnership on UAS to develop policy recommendations to the 50 state legislatures UAS.
- Co-host of a Parcel Summit with USGS and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level (HIFLD) Subcommittee.
- Monitored Federal procurement and reversed several bid requests in favor of qualifications based selection.
- Testified before Congress on the National Flood Insurance Program and flood mapping reform.
- Won FAA approval of an increase in the flying altitude for commercial UAS operations to 400’.
- Led Congressional efforts to ban reverse auctions for professional services contracts.
- Negotiated changes in the Geospatial data Act in the U.S. Senate, favorable to MAPPS and private sector geospatial firms, resulting in the introduction of H.R. 6294 in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Filed comments against unnecessary UAS regulation on privacy by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
- The MAPPS Political Action Committee (MAPPS PAC) today announced it has contributed over \$32,000 in support of (48) candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for the November 8 election.
- Worked with the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) and Department of the Interior on the launch of “Data Acquisition as a Service” to promote QBS-ID/IQ contracts with private geospatial firms across the Federal government on the “geoplatform” website”.
- Created a partnering agreement with AUVSI for enhanced member access to UAS education and information.
- Adopted model legislation for state legislature support of the USGS 3DEP program.
- Provided cutting edge education and information to members at the 2016 Summer, Winter and Federal Programs Conferences.
- Selected by the FGDC to assist in developing a strategic plan for the National Spatial Data infrastructure (NSDI).
- Promoted the use of geospatial data in government policy development and decision-making before the Federal government’s Commission on Evidence-Based Policy Making.
- Led efforts in Congress to reform design-building contracting to enhance QBS.
- Helped write H.R. 4671, a bill to limit prison industry competition in GIS.
- Led efforts in support of H.R. 2743 and S. 2206, bills in Congress to extend and reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, a law specifying funds for NOAA contracting.
- Promoted QBS for contracts related to dam safety and drinking water and clean water infrastructure in H.R. 5303 and S. 2848, the Water Resources Development Act.
- Recognized members’ projects and technologies in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Geospatial Products and Services Excellence Awards.

## MAPPS 2016 Highlights and Accomplishments