

Charter

ASPRS Special Committee on Guideline for Procurement of Photogrammetric Services

Background:

In May, 2006, the Professional Practices Division (PPD) of ASPRS was tasked with leading an ad hoc working group in revising the “Guidelines for Procurement of Photogrammetric Services from Private Professional Sources,” which was approved by the ASPRS Board of Directors in September, 1986 and last published in *PE&RS* in 1987. As discussed in the May 2006 meeting, the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS) and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) were expected to be invited to participate in the effort.

Due to the visibility and importance of this work, the ASPRS President raised the level of this effort in September, 2006, from an ad hoc working group within the Division to Special Committee appointed by the President and including members from ASPRS, MAPPS, and ACSM. The following is a draft charter for consideration by the committee to guide their efforts.

Objective:

ASPRS identifies a need for update to the existing document “Guidelines for Procurement of Photogrammetric Services from Private Professional Sources.” The Committee is tasked with delivering an updated, revised version of this document which:

- Includes updated technological references;
- Maintains consistency with references to “professional services” included in recent modifications to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Model Law and Model Rules;
- Addresses the distinction between professional services and products;
- Includes guidance for organizations procuring photogrammetric and mapping services to assist in determining when it is appropriate to procure such services through a qualifications-based selection process.

The deliverable from this Committee will be an updated “Guidelines” document for ASPRS Board action. The document will also be published in *PE&RS*.

Membership:

Membership on the committee will include an ASPRS chairperson; an ASPRS co-chair and two ASPRS members; two representatives appointed by the Management Association for Professional Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS); and two representatives appointed by the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). It is expected that the group will work by consensus, raising only those issues where consensus could not be reached to the ASPRS Executive Committee.

Schedule and Support:

The timeline for the group to complete its work will be approximately 1 year, with a draft “Guidelines” document available for ASPRS Board action at its Fall 2007 meeting (late-October 2007). ASPRS will provide administrative support and host meetings of the Committee at its annual and fall conferences until the revision of the document is complete.