

**GIS Policy Committee  
Meeting Notes  
October 20, 2011  
Auditor's Conference Room**

In attendance:

Debbie Clepper, Recorder	Romain Walker, Recorder
Phil Brown, Auditor	Linda Fraley, Auditor
Chuck Tilbury, Auditor	Ed Humphrey, Board of Commissioners
Stephen Rabolt, OTCS	Tom Yeager, Water Resources
Brian Dunkle, OTCS	Jeff Grant, Auditor
Kelly Perry, Clermont County GIS	Craig Risner, Engineer

Aerial Photography – A demonstration of Pictometry's Accu-Plus product was presented via web-cast with staff from Pictometry giving an overview of the product and allowing time for questions. Discussion was held regarding the accuracy of this product over traditional aerial photography, ground control required, the timeframe for flying, and processing and delivery of the final product. Pictometry staff stated that the Accu-Plus product meets National Map Accuracy Standards and are accurate to within 2.5 feet. Craig Risner indicated that since 2.5 feet is the most the images can be off, the images in many places are likely to be more accurate than that. Kelly asked the Pictometry staff if the County would own the images and their reply was yes, that the County would be the owner of the images.

Discussion was then held regarding the Accu-Plus product versus the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP) images. Linda then stated that if the Committee would agree on the Pictometry product, that the Auditor's office would make the purchase, with no request for contributions from other offices. Ed asked if there was consensus within the group for the Auditor's office to make the purchase and the group agreed. Discussion then went to the topic of Lidar. Kelly stated that Lidar is a separate flight from the flight for the aerial photography, so this is something that we could defer a decision on. Kelly stated the cost of Lidar from the OSIP program. The group asked Linda if the Auditor's office could get a price quote for Lidar from Pictometry. Linda agreed that they would seek a price quote for Lidar from Pictometry.

Geo-Centric Update The committee discussed the final report and recommendations from the Geo-Centric contract. Tom stated that the document recommended access to Pictometry images for every department, therefore indicating that this is a major step in getting access to that imagery. He then asked what was meant in the document where it refers to "integration of permits, etc." Speculation was that improvements could be made to the overall integration of information from various databases, including Water Resources Customer information database, the Building Department's Permits database, etc. Tom also commented that he liked the recommendation for the access to a Capital Improvements layer and that such a layer from the Engineer's office would be useful to Water Resources. Craig indicated that since projects seem to change frequently, there may not be a gis layer of the Engineer's Capital Projects.

Linda asked members of the Committee to review the Geo-Centric final report and report back with their ideas of how we can implement the recommendations.

Training Kelly distributed a first draft of a proposed GIS Training Plan for County employees. The plan outlines various categories of GIS use in day to day work. Kelly asked the committee members to review the proposed categories and provide feedback. Once categories are agreed upon, she will proceed to list various trainings, conferences, and general support recommendations based on the categories.

Tom stated that he would like for GIS staff who attend trainings to share the knowledge gained with other employees. Kelly indicated that this is being done by way of knowledge sharing at our GIS User Group meetings and/or GIS Editor Group meetings.

Ed commented that OKI is willing to assist with training needs and is in the process of scheduling two GIS training workshops.

Kelly suggested the idea of creating a comprehensive training workshop which would teach the use of all available tools for uncovering information from various county offices and getting the course approved for continuing education units for various industries (ie: realtors, surveyors, etc.). Once CEU approval was obtained, we would offer the training for free to our citizens. This would not only offer a free service to our citizens, but would also encourage the use of the county's information tools, which could possibly promote economic growth, since a realtor trained in the use of our tools might be more likely to search for properties in Clermont County over neighboring counties simply because he is more comfortable using our tools.

Discussion was also held with regard to creating canned "webinar" type tutorials for use by employees.

Next meeting dates Kelly stated that in keeping with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, the next meeting dates are November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.