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Mr. Doug Richmond  
VAS Member – Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board  
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Dear Mr. Richmond:

As you may be aware, the Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS) has long been deeply concerned regarding the procurement practices of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) with respect to the acquisition of statewide mapping data for the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN). These concerns are related to the requirement for performance by a Virginia licensed surveyor or surveyor-photogrammetrist pursuant to § 54.1-400 (et. seq.) of the Code of Virginia, exemptions pursuant to subsection B of § 54.1-404 or 54.1-406, preparing documentation pursuant to subsection C of § 54.1-402, implementation by regulations found in 18VAC10-20-382.B.11, and the procurement of professional services pursuant to § 2.2-4301.

Given VITA's recent activities and communication from the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), the VAS Board of Directors, pursuant to a motion formally and unanimously adopted at its meeting on June 25 in Waynesboro, VA, hereby formally requests that this item be included on the agenda of the meeting of the VGIN Board on July 12, with a presentation by APELSCIDLA/DPOR.

VAS is concerned that the law is not being faithfully implemented, thus putting public health, safety and welfare in jeopardy. We believe the public would be well served by consideration by the VGIN Board and resolution of this matter.

Respectfully,

Michael Starling  
VAS President

cc: Mr. Dan Widner, Coordinator, Virginia Geographic Information Network, Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)

Delegate Richard Anderson