

Ivan B. DeLoatch, Executive Director, FGDC

Biographical Sketch

Mr. Ivan B. DeLoatch serves as the Executive Director for the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Secretariat, which supports the FGDC and its responsibilities. The FGDC leads and supports the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Strategy and spatial data policy development in the United States (U.S.). The FGDC also coordinates with international organizations having an interest in National or Global Spatial Data Infrastructures (GSDI).

The FGDC is a Federal interagency committee that promotes the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis. The FGDC has 32 member agencies, including the Executive Office of the President, Cabinet level and independent Federal agencies. The Secretary of the Interior chairs the FGDC and the Deputy Director for Management of the President's Office of Management and Budget serves as Vice-Chair. Numerous stakeholder organizations participate in FGDC activities, representing the interests of state and local government, tribes, industry, professional, and international organizations. Mr. DeLoatch has over thirty years of experience in environmental and geospatial program policy serving at the U.S. Department of the Interior (USGS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Maryland and the private sector.

Mr. DeLoatch has also served in many leadership roles on interagency and international committees addressing geospatial and earth observation technical and policy issues in the use and coordination of geospatial data and information. Mr. DeLoatch currently serves as the North America representative on the GSDI Board of Directors and as the U.S. representative and Co-chair of the Architecture and Data Committee of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO). In addition, he was one of the principle authors of the GEO Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) 10-Year Implementation Plan and Reference Document. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Bowie State University in the University of Maryland System.