USGS 3D Elevation Program and Application for the National Hydrography Datasets – Status, Future Plans, and Opportunities to Collaborate

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- Address Federal, state and other mission-critical requirements
- Realize ROI 5:1 and potential to generate \$13 billion/year
- Leverage the expertise and capacity of private mapping firms
- Achieve a 25% cost efficiency gain
- Completely refresh national data holdings



		Annual Benefits	
Rank	Business Use	Conservative	Potential
1	Flood Risk Management	\$295M	\$502M
2	Infrastructure and Construction Management	\$206M	\$942M
3	Natural Resources Conservation	\$159M	\$335M
4	Agriculture and Precision Farming	\$122M	\$2,011M
5	Water Supply and Quality	\$85M	\$156M
6	Wildfire Management, Planning and Response	\$76M	\$159M
7	Geologic Resource Assessment and Hazard Mitigation	\$52M	\$1,067M
8	Forest Resources Management	\$44M	\$62M
9	River and Stream Resource Management	\$38M	\$87M
10	Aviation Navigation and Safety	\$35M	\$56M
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20	Land Navigation and Safety	\$0.2M	\$7,125M
	Total for all Business Uses (1 – 27)	\$1.2B	\$13B

# + 3DEP Status Including FY19 Partnerships

Data are available or in progress for 67% of the Nation \*includes lidar and AK IfSAR



Data acquisition investments by all partners, by fiscal year







### http://usgs.gov/3DEP/numbers

# + NC Partnerships



#### Explanation

Planned FY20 3DEP Lidar Partnerships (subject to change)
Available or In-Progress Data that Meet 3DEP Specification



	Project Name	FY	Partners	Area (Sq. Mi.)	QL	USGS Mechanism	Acquisition Window
	SANDY Lidar (Phase 1)	14	NCDPS, NRCS	9,396	2	GPSC	Spring 2014
	Phase 2 Lidar	15	NCEM, NC Geodetic Survey, NCDOT	12,348	2	Contributed	Spring 2014
	Phase 3 Lidar	15	NC	10,007	2	Contributed	Spring 2015
	Phase 4 Central West NC GEIGER	16	FEMA, NCDOT, NCEM, USGS	3,700	1	Соор	Spring 2016
as of October 2019	Phase 4 Lidar	17	NCDPS, USGS	4,143	1	Соор	Spring 2016- Spring 2017
	Phase 5 lidar	18	NCDOT, NCFMP, USGS	8,729	1	Соор	Spring 2016- Spring 2017
	Hurricane Florence Supplemental	20	USGS	. 20 000	1	GPSC	TBD
	Hurricane Florence NOAA Topobathy	20	NOAA	~20,000	1	Partner (Non GPSC/Coop)	TBD

# 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)

Governance

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- USGS and NOAA co-lead the OMB A-16 Elevation Theme
- 3DEP Executive Forum
  - Facilitates executive collaboration on strategies to fund and implement 3DEP for the benefit of all its stakeholders
  - Executive Outreach to Industry Partners and Stakeholder Groups
  - Provides direction to 3DEP Working Group
- 3DEP Working Group Coordinates implementation of 3DEP





### Member Agencies

Bureau of Land Management						
Department of Homeland Security						
Department of Transportation						
Environmental Protection Agency						
Federal Aviation Administration						
Federal Communications Commission						
Federal Emergency Management Agency						
US Forest Service						
US Fish and Wildlife Service						
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration						
National Park Service						
Natural Resources Conservation Service						
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement						
US Department of Agriculture						
US Army Corps of Engineers						
US Geological Survey						
American Association of State Geologists						
National States Geographic Information Council						

### Funding Challenges and Strategies Completion of 3DEP nationwide coverage

- Significant amounts of Federal land in western US
- State and local investments in western states are mostly in populated areas, to support infrastructure, natural hazards
- What are strategies for increasing Federal investment in the west?
  - Doing an analysis of costs for Federal land under 3DEP Executive Forum
  - EarthMRI critical minerals initiative
  - Hazards landslides legislation, supplementals
  - Developing state plans for completing coverage under a project with the National States Geographic Information Council
  - Other western initiatives or groups?





#### Portion of each state that is federal land





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# Stakeholder Funding Support - 3DEP Coalition

Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies American Bankers Association American Council of Engineering Companies American Geosciences Institute American Institute of Professional Geologists American Petroleum Institute American Property Casualty Insurance Association American Public Works Association American Society for Horticultural Science American Society of Agronomy American Society of Civil Engineers American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers American Water Resources Association American Water Works Association Association of American State Geologists Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists Association of State Floodplain Managers **Crop Science Society of America** Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety International Association of Emergency Managers



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International Code Council Interstate Council on Water Policy Irrigation Association Land Improvement Contractors of America National Agricultural Aviation Association National Apartment Association National Association of Development Organizations National Association of Realtors National Association of Tower Erectors National EMS Pilots Association National Flood Association National Ground Water Association National Multifamily Housing Council National Society of Professional Surveyors National States Geographic Information Council National Wildlife Federation Rural & Agriculture Council of America Society for Range Management Soil and Water Conservation Society Soil Science Society of America

# Stakeholder Funding Support - MAPPS

- A public/private partnership
  - The inherently governmental responsibility of maintaining a lean core competency, while leveraging the expertise and capacity of the private industry
  - The essential USGS role in acquiring critical public domain data that can be accessed, value-added, and underpin a host of new and evolving uses and technologies
  - The role of the private industry in provisioning the data, maintaining the operational expertise and capacity, developing future technology, and supporting new applications
  - The USGS role as the lead Federal agency for elevation to create a National program that results in quality and consistency while reducing/eliminating duplication
- Together we have crafted and are implementing 3DEP as a model public/private partnership and good government story





# + 3DEP Future Generation Just Around the Corner 3D Nation Elevation Requirements and Benefits Study

- Working with NOAA to understand inland, nearshore and offshore bathymetric data requirements and benefits
- Plan for the next round of 3DEP when the first-ever national baseline of consistent high-resolution data is in place what is needed for monitoring, change detection and other new applications?
- Gather technology-agnostic user information to be able to assess new technologies against requirements and identify the tradeoffs between different approaches
- Results will lead to a completely new approach regarding QLs, refresh frequency by geography, products offered, and other changes







# <sup>+</sup>Study Phases and Timeline

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# Inland Bathymetry for 3DEP

### 3DEP pilot projects help inform

Development of specifications

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- Topo-bathy lidar collection criteria
- Eventual goal to operationalize inland bathy

### Completed surveys

#### 3D Nation Study **PRELIMINARY** Information Source of approx. 500 mission critical activities that identified the need for inland bathymetry

State or U.S. Territorial government			
Federal Agencies and Commissions			
Regional, County, City, or other local government			
Academic or Not-for-Profit			
Private or Commercial			
Tribal government			

### Planned surveys



Image: Quantum Spatial Inc.

# Potential for Future Inland Bathy Lidar Surveys





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### National Hydrography Infrastructure

 Combine foundational hydrography datasets with hydrographic addressing, catalog, and search engine functionality

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- Provides the universal infrastructure for sharing and discovering limitless sources and types of water information
- Underpins interagency hydrologic observing systems and enable models that account for all the water in the water cycle
  – from the atmosphere to the oceans





# National Hydrography Infrastructure

### Working Group

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- The NHI WG will advance the NHI to underpin interagency hydrologic observing networks and modeling systems
- Forum for Federal agencies to provide input and collaborate on NHI:
  - Direction
  - Development
  - Priorities
  - Management
  - Technologies
  - Use
  - Resources
- Additionally, USGS and USFWS are OMB A-16 Leads for Inland Water Theme



Governance Collaboration

SSWD/OWDI FGDC NGDA ACWI IWRSS Etc.

Subcommittees





### Next Generation – 3D National Terrain Model

Implement the USGS-NOAA 3D Nation concept of continuous topographic/bathymetric information from the peaks of our mountains to the depths of our oceans

- Integrate surface and subsurface features
  - Elevation and hydrography
  - Inland bathymetry
  - Connection points to groundwater and manmade hydrographic features
  - NOAA bathymetric data
- Improve and enable critical applications
  - Flood forecasting in 3D, at the street level
  - Hydrologic observing systems and models that account for water from the atmosphere to the oceans
  - 3D Geologic models
  - New and unimagined 3D applications





# THANK YOU!





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