

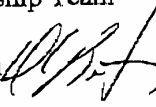


North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Michael F. Easley, Governor

William G. Ross Jr., Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interagency Leadership Team
FROM: Dempsey E. Benton 
DATE: April 27, 2006
SUBJECT: GIS Project

Attached is the letter of endorsement from Secretary Tippet, Secretary Ross, Secretary Evans, and Secretary Fain. This represents significant progress in pursuit of this goal. We will know more about funding when the Governor's budget is released on May 8. We need to thank the secretaries for their expression of support.

attachment
cc: Tim Johnson

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April 25, 2006

Mr. David McCoy
State Budget Officer
Director, Office of State Budget and Management

Mr. Dan Gerlach
Senior Policy Advisor for Fiscal Affairs
Office of the Governor

Subject: State GIS Funding

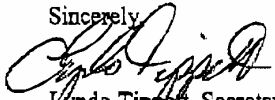
Gentlemen:

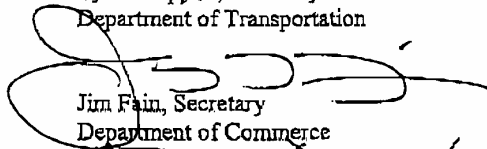
You have previously received the proposal for the development of a shared, comprehensive, accessible GIS database that would serve federal, state and local agencies responsible for economic development, transportation and the conservation and protection of our cultural and natural resources. Senior executives from 10 federal and state agencies have authored a creative, practical plan to make the activities and programs of those agencies significantly more efficient and effective. By "significantly," we mean annual cost savings of millions of dollars, improved decision making, and increased productivity.

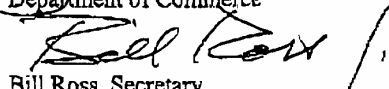
We enthusiastically and unanimously recommend that funding be included in the 06-07 budget that will allow this excellent collaboration to continue and these many benefits to be realized.

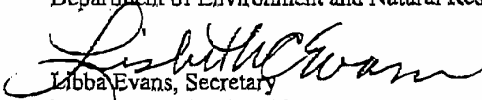
Thank you.

Sincerely,


Lyndo Tippet, Secretary
Department of Transportation


Jim Fain, Secretary
Department of Commerce


Bill Ross, Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources


Libba Evans, Secretary
Department of Cultural Resources