

Memorandum of Understanding
between Elections Canada, Statistics Canada
and Natural Resources Canada for
the Use of a Common National Electronic Road Network

1. Purpose of the Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) results from the Cooperation Agreement signed by Elections Canada (OCEO), Statistics Canada (STC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) in April of 1999. Through this MOU, OCEO, STC and NRCan agree to develop, maintain and use a common national electronic road network which will be complete, up-to-date and accurate.

2. Objectives and Principles

The undersigned have agreed to the following:

- 2.1. There is a need for a national road network that is up-to-date, accurate, attributed and consistent across the country;
- 2.2. There will be only one such national road network;
- 2.3. Consideration will be given first to available data, federal or provincial, that meet the requirements;
- 2.4. By 14 June 2004,
 - Cooperative work will result in the national road network completed;
 - Distribution policies will be established with the agreement of all undersigned;
 - Maintenance mechanisms will be developed and implemented with the agreement of all undersigned;

3. Project Management and Implementation

The undersigned will form the steering committee for the project.

Sylvain Latour from NRCan is identified to head the initiative by managing the cooperative project and by coordinating the actions of the three collaborators towards the achievement of the set objectives.

4. Approvals

Rennie Molnar - Director, Register and Geography
Elections Canada

Oct - 10 / 2000
Date

Tim Davis - Director, Geography Division
Statistics Canada

Sept 10 / 2000
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François Faucher - Director General, Mapping Services Branch
Natural Resources Canada

Sept 6, 2000
Date

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1. Purpose of the Agreement

- 1.1 This Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) between Elections Canada (OCEO), Statistics Canada (STC), and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is intended to further the sharing of geographic information and advance the efforts of the three organizations towards the development and maintenance of a common Canada-wide electronic road network that would comply with their different requirements. Preliminary discussions have been held with Canada Post Corporation to participate in this initiative in the near future.
- 1.2 It is expected that this agreement on an electronic road network will:
1. Maximize the inter-organizational synergy, thereby reducing the production costs of each;
 2. Provide for much more rapid updating of information;
 3. Ensure better integration of data from different sources;
 4. Facilitate negotiations with the private sector and the various levels of government (provincial and municipal) interested in contributing to this effort;
 5. Maximize the organizations' impact in the creation of the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (GeoConnections);
 6. Generate benefits from a pooling of technological expertise in developing interoperable databases containing spatially referenced data.
- 1.3 This Agreement does not preclude OCEO, STC, or NRCan from entering into similar or related geomatics undertakings with other organizations in order to fulfill their respective mandates.
- 1.4 This Agreement formalizes and broadens the cooperation between the three organizations towards the development and maintenance of a common Canada-wide electronic road network.

2. Mandate

- 2.1 The initial mandate of the project team is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (which will include a work plan as an appendix) between the parties for the development and maintenance of a common Canada-wide electronic road network. The work plan shall identify the actions to be taken and the resources required to achieve the targeted objective. This work plan will lay the groundwork for future Memoranda of Understanding between the parties.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 A resource person from each organization shall be designated as a member of the project management group. Each of these individuals is responsible for liaison within his respective organization, obtaining the necessary resources, and ensuring that the required work is carried out. A project coordinator will be named from among these individuals. The term of the coordinator shall be for six months, filled on a rotating basis. These resource persons are identified in Appendix A.

4. Approvals

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Appendix A

Project Management Group

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Resource Person</u>
Elections Canada	Herschell Sax
Statistics Canada	Larry Li
Natural Resources Canada	Paul Jolicoeur

Enfin, le 23 avril, il était au programme d'un cours intensif organisé par Wouter Bleeker (Division de la géologie du continent), lequel cours portait sur la stratigraphie régionale, la structure et les modèles d'exploration pour le camp aurifère de Timmins et était offert dans le cadre du *Northeastern Ontario Minerals Symposium*, à Timmins.

Présentation sur GéoConnexions au CDG-Québec

Le Secrétariat de GéoConnexions et la Direction des services cartographiques de Géomatique Canada ont été invités à présenter une séance d'information sur l'initiative GéoConnexions et sur l'Infrastructure canadienne de données géospatiales (ICDG) à l'assemblée annuelle du Centre de développement de la géomatique – Québec. Cette rencontre a eu lieu à Montréal le 23 avril dernier. Les participants venaient des entreprises québécoises oeuvrant en géomatique, des universités et du gouvernement du Québec. Les réactions et les commentaires ont été très positifs et les discussions ont porté sur les occasions d'affaires pour l'industrie, les partenariats, les politiques d'utilisation des données et les progrès technologiques quant à l'accessibilité des données.

European Global Navigation Satellite System

On May 4, two representatives from Geodetic Survey and one from CCRS attended a workshop on "Canadian Activities in Satellite Navigation" at the Canadian Space Agency in Saint-Hubert, Québec. The aim was to discuss the extent of federal government support anticipated for a potential new European satellite navigation system similar to the American GPS. Related funding, policy, partnership, program and commercial implications were also reviewed. The European Union and the European Space Agency (ESA) are considering a 10-year investment of \$3 billion (Euros) to develop this system called GALILEO, comparable and inter-operable with GPS. Next week, on behalf of the Minister of Industry Canada, the CSA's CEO will attend a Ministerial Meeting of the ESA in Brussels where Canada's participation in GALILEO will be considered.

Entente de coopération signée entre trois ministères fédéraux

Le 28 avril dernier, une entente de coopération a été signée entre Élections Canada, Statistique Canada et Ressources Naturelles Canada (Direction des services cartographiques). Elle vise la mise en place d'un guide de l'inforoute (ou carte de route numérisée, de l'anglais «road map») répondant aux exigences opérationnelles de chacune des organisations signataires. Un quatrième partenaire pourrait très prochainement se joindre au groupe, à savoir Postes Canada. L'annonce de cette entente, qui marque un pas très important dans la mise en place de l'Infrastructure canadienne de données géospatiales (ICDG), a été faite par François Faucher dans le cadre de la dernière rencontre sur l'initiative GéoConnexions. Un comité de gestion, formé de représentants des différentes organisations, doit voir à la mise en place d'un plan de travail assurant la réalisation de ce projet très ambitieux.

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