

To: Michigan Geospatial Community

From: IMAGIN & MiCAMP Board of Trustees

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We are writing on behalf of the IMAGIN and MiCAMP membership in regards to the interest of the State of Michigan Center for Shared Solution's consideration of exchanging imagery for local data. The respective boards of IMAGIN and MiCAMP have been in discussions with representatives from the State of Michigan Center for Shared Solutions, centered on creating an exchange of data between the State of Michigan and local units of government in Michigan. The proposal includes the State sharing aerial imagery with local units of government in exchange for certain GIS data layers maintained at the local level. These layers may include parcels, addresses, building footprints and road centerlines.

The benefits of obtaining imagery in exchange for local data could be positive for many IMAGIN and MiCAMP members. Imagery is an important foundational layer in local GIS programs, but often technical resources, expertise, acquisition costs and recurring maintenance costs can be prohibitive for many communities. However, if the State manages the technical aspects of an imagery program and provides a path to removing cost as a barrier, this will benefit many of our communities as well as introduce standards and consistencies across jurisdictional boundaries.

IMAGIN and MiCAMP boards, representing their respective memberships, are supportive of imagery for data exchange program between levels of government in Michigan. The respective boards, as part of this support, feel that enhancements to the program need to be actively pursued to bring additional enhancements to the program which will broaden the usable impact of the program. These enhancements would include but are not limited to finding additional funding sources, moving towards a standard 6 inch resolution product where applicable in the state and increasing the frequency of flights.

Respectfully submitted,



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