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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Common Council

FROM: Don Jarvinen, GIS Coordinator

DATE: June 22, 2010

RE: Sale of data to the federal government

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the United States Geological Survey desire to purchase the entire set of 2008 Rapid City area orthophotos. At \$75 per tile, the purchase would total \$13,500 for all 180 tiles.

The data arrived in late 2008, so only one tile was sold that year. In 2009, we sold 54 tiles for \$4,050. Thus far in 2010 we have sold 32 tiles for \$2,400. The general trend is to sell fewer tiles as the data ages. It is unlikely that we will ever sell the entire 2008 data set or an equivalent number of tiles.

As part of the sale, NGA and USGS require that the data become the property of the US government, free of license restrictions and limitations to distribution. The current data policy set by the City Council and County Commission requires that we maintain ownership of any data sold. Therefore, we need approval to deviate from the policy to process the sale.

Even though the data will be in the public domain, the sale should still provide a large net gain when compared to likely future sales of individual tiles. We are therefore asking for your approval for this sale.



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