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Dear Mr. Jarvinen,

The Rapid City metropolitan area has been identified as a geographic area of interest by the Department of Defense, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for homeland security data development activities in support of the Homeland Security Infrastructure Program. As the USGS is the brokering agency responsible for conducting business between the USGS/NGA and local partners, I have been directed to contact you with a request to purchase the 2008 high resolution digital orthoimagery of the area that you hold.

The imagery will be utilized at the Federal level for homeland security purposes, emergency preparedness and response, natural resource studies, and for planning and economic development. The imagery will provide the basis to update various databases in the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, including transportation, structures, land use and land cover, and hydrography.

NGA and USGS require that the delivered data shall become property of the U.S. government and be free of license restrictions and limits to distribution. During our telephone conversation, you indicated public domain purchase would require approval by both city and county government officials. I am requesting that you pursue that approval as quickly as possible. NGA funding and USGS contacting deadlines will shortly put the funding for this purchase in jeopardy. It is possible the funding could be lost as early as June 30, but NGA wishes to continue the procurement attempt after that date if necessary.

I also ask that during the approval process, you make your decision makers aware of the possibility of future partnerships with USGS for geospatial data acquisitions. Such acquisitions of public domain data through cost sharing may be more cost effective than selling data priced in excess of duplication cost and promote wider usage that may yield economical benefits for the region. I am willing to help in this process in any way. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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