The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are conducting a 3D Nation Elevation Requirements and Benefits Study. This study will gather information to improve the availability and consistency of 3D elevation data (topographic or bathymetric data) for the United States and its territories using an on-line questionnaire. The questionnaire is part of the effort to develop and refine future program alternatives that would provide enhanced 3D elevation data to meet many federal, state, and other national business needs.

Who was invited to participate?

Organizations were invited to participate in this study because of their potential use of and need for 3D elevation data. Input will be gathered through a series of questions that will ask about Mission Critical Activities, requirements, and associated benefits for 3D elevation data. The questionnaire is expected to be made available to Non Government participants in Late July. It is estimated that it may take up to 3 hours to complete. There will be materials provided along with the questionnaire that explain the technical terms used along with some examples of how to estimate benefits. The data from the questionnaire will be aggregated and validated in follow-up interviews as needed.

Why should an invited organization participate?

This is an important study that may shape the future of Federal elevation data programs. A previous and similar study conducted by USGS in 2012, the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment resulted in the formation of the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) through which elevation data for approximately 37% of the Nation have been contracted to date.

- Your organization’s uses and/or benefits of 3D elevation data are important and can make a significant contribution to the study.
- Your organization's input will be counted. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this effort.

Participant Information

- Webinar - Study Overview for Non Government Participants
- All Non Government Participant Files

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