Rapid Exploitation of Commercial Remotely Sensed Imagery for Disaster Response & Recovery

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Glossary

3D Three Dimensional

AASHTO American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials

CAD Computer-Aided Design

COA Certificate of Authorization
CRS Commercial Remote Sensing
DOT Department of Transportation
FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

GIS Geographic Information Systems
HDDS Hazard Data Distribution System

ICS Incident Command System
LiDAR Light Detection and Ranging

NAIP National Agricultural Imagery Program
NIMS National Incident Management System

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

OBIA Object-Based Image Analysis
OGC Open Geospatial Consortium

PI Principal Investigator
PM Program Manager

RiP Research in Progress database

RITA Research and Innovative Technology Administration

SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

SAL Spatial Analysis Lab
SI Spatial Information

TAC Technical Advisory Committee
TRC Transportation Research Center

UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

USDOT United States Department of Transportation

USGS United States Geological Survey

UVM University of Vermont

VAOT Vermont Agency of Transportation (also known as Vtrans)
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XML eXtensible Markup Language

Meeting Details

Date: December 6th, 2013 **Time:** 10:00am, EST

Attendance

Project Team:

Caesar Singh, Program Manager (PM), US DOT Austin Troy, PhD, Director of the UVM TRC

- √ Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, Faculty Research Associate and Director of the UVM SAL
- √ Amanda Hanaway-Corrente, Professional Engineer (PE) at UVM
- √ James Sullivan, Research Analyst at UVM TRC
- √ Sean MacFaden, Research Specialist at UVM SAL
- √ Ernest Buford, Research Specialist at UVM SAL
- ✓ Zack Borst, UVM TRC Outreach Manager
 Jacob Leopold, UVM TRC Business Manager

Technical Advisory Committee:

Guy Rouelle, Aviation Program Administrator, VTrans Stephanie Magnan, Asset Management Specialist, VTrans Wayne Gammell, Maintenance Administrator, VTrans

- Johnathan Croft, GIS Database Administrator, VTrans
- ✓ Michele Boomhower, CCRPC Assistant/MPO Director
 Christopher Jolly, Planning & Programming Engineer, FHWA VT Division
 Roger Thompson, ITS/Safety Engineer, FHWA VT Division
- √ Charles Hebson, Manager of Surface Water Resources, Maine DOT

Discussion Items

- 1. **Introductions.** All meeting attendees introduced themselves. See attendance list above.
- 2. **Flight Operations.** Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne (JOD) used a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate the flight operation procedures to the Technical Committee. The presentation was recorded via GoToMeeting and the link to the video is included on the project website.
- 3. **Fill Calculations/Calibration of the System.** JOD explained how the project team is using Terrestrial LiDAR equipment to check the accuracy of the 3-D data collected using the UAV system.
- 4. **Satellite Damage Detection.** JOD provided an update on the progress made thus far for automatically detecting road damage using satellite imagery. The project team has acquired imagery for before and after Tropical Storm Irene and Hurricane Sandy, and is using that imagery to develop rule sets.
- 5. **Data Distribution.** JOD presented the data web platform called i-cubed as the preferred platform for the final deliverables associated with this project. He provided a brief demonstration of how the platform will be used.
- 6. **Standard Operating Procedures.** Jim Sullivan mentioned that the project team is drafting a standard operating procedure for flying the UAV. It will be shared with the Technical Committee when it has been finalized.
- 7. **Field Testing**. The project team is planning future flights to include winter flight conditions testing, monitoring of existing flight locations, and flight locations with significant vegetation or other obstacles.

Next Meeting

Date: TBD. Time: TBD.