DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP
Minutes of September 4, 2002

Location: DVRPC, Bourse Building, 111 S. Independence Mall East, 8th Floor

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The meeting was called to order at 10:20.

1.   Minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2002

The minutes were approved.

2.   Presentation: *"Pictometry Visual Intelligence System"*

Mike Ruch of Pictometry International Corporation gave an overview of Pictometry's Visual Intelligence system for aerial imagery. Aerial imagery of ground zero at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was displayed on the walls of the conference room.

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The community imagery products have a 2 foot pixel resolution while the Neighborhood imagery
has a six inch pixel resolution, and two meter positional accuracy. All imagery can be viewed from any angle using the patented software. Another feature includes the ability to measure the length and angle of any feature on the image and obtain an accurate reading. This feature was demonstrated on a baseball diamond, which has known measurements. Vertical measurements may also be taken. Units of measurement can also be changed on the fly in the software via a dropdown menu. Latitude/Longitude can be obtained with a simple click. The software can be integrated into existing linework and GIS shape files, however, modifications of those files via the Pictometry product is not recommended.

The vendor's product is prices by county and the final deliverable can be installed for and used by any county or local agency. A two year licence is included in the price and continuing maintenance on the product cost one-fifth the up-front cost per year of maintenance.

3.   Census Update

Greg Brivic from the Census Bureau, gave an update on various Census-related products.

a. **Urbanized Areas (Uas)**. Maps of the Census Urbanized Area(UA)s for updated 1990 and 2000 were displayed. DVRPC adjusts UA boundaries for assignment of transportation funding programs. DVRPC staff demonstrated how the definition change for UAs affected various portions of our region. Files may be made available on CD-ROM by DVRPC.

b. **ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs)**. Maps showing the 2000 ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) and 2000 Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) were on display.

c. **Summary File 3 (SF3)** data from the 2000 Census is now available for New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Pennsylvania data is due at the end of September 2002. SF3 data, which is derived from the Census Long Form, uses different algorithms to estimate populations. Many smaller communities will have a less accurate estimate due to this change in procedure by the Census Bureau. DVRPC has downloaded multiple ZIP files and is determining, with the help of DVRPC staff, which tables and variables to import into the Oracle Enterprise-Wide Database. Select tables will be available via the DVRPC Website in early January 2003.

d. **Summary File 4 (SF4)** data releases begin in November 2002 and includes SF3 content with selected iterations of race, hispanic origin, native american status and ancestry

e. **Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files**, which contains a sample of individual long-form decennial census records showing most population and housing characteristics, will be released in two parts; the 1% sample will begin release in December 2002 and will contain national and state-level data; the 5% sample will begin release sometime in 2003, and will contain state and sub-state areas.

f. **Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP)** release dates are not set, but could start on a rolling release schedule as early as January 2003.

g. **Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ).** TAZ delineation for 1990 was largely based on census tracts (block groups in Center City). Development of 2000 TAZs was conducted with some degree of independence, resulting in 1,384 more census tracts and 1,874 TAZs.

4.   DVRPC FY 2003 Work Program Updates

a.   **Year 2000 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.** Meetings regarding the 2005 aerial imagery acquisition project will begin in the next few months. As this project is funded through the TIP, more lead time is required for proper funding year cycles.

b.   **Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development.** Implementation of the Region-Wide Transportation GIS Project has begun with member governments and operating agencies. Two-year contracts were developed in Pennsylvania and a similar arrangement is being worked out in New Jersey.

c.   **Year 2000 Land Use File.** DVRPC is redigitizing land use to coincide with our new 2000 imagery, which is more accurate than previous imagery products. Work on three counties have been completed and three are halfway done. Work is expected to be complete by the end of this fiscal year.

d.   **Conservation Planning CD.** A second CD-ROM for the William Penn Foundation is almost complete. DVRPC is waiting for the SF3 Census data to be released before finalizing the CD.

e.   **Website Redesign.** DVRPC is soliciting suggestions for the redesign of the DVRPC website. Comments and suggestions can be emailed to Joe Fazekas, Webmaster (jfazekas@dvrpc.org).

f.   **FY 2004 Work Program.** Suggestions for FY 2004 Work Program projects can be emailed to Mike Ontko (montko@dvrpc.org).

5.   Information Items

a.   GASB 34 and 35 will be discussed at our next IREG meeting by our guest speaker, Lisa Donahue (invited)

6.   Old Business

7.   New Business

A proposal was made for the establishment of a Database Administrators/Data Managers Subcommittee which would meet from 8 to 10 am on the morning of the quarterly IREG meeting. Membership into IREG would be offered to member governments IT Departments and their directors (CIOs/DBAs). If interested in participating on this committee, please contact Taghi Ozbeki, Database Administrator (tozbeki@dvrpc.org).

8.   Next Meeting Date: 12/11/2002; 3/12; 6/11;9/10;12/10

December 11th 2002 was confirmed as the next meeting date. Dates for 2003 IREG Meetings were proposed.

9.   Adjournment
The IREG meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The Webmasters Subcommittee met immediately after the meeting adjourned.