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RE: Possible Public Comment

If permitted, I'd like the following to be included during the "public comment" portion of the Agenda for the NGAC meeting on December 4, 2024.

I have a professional interest in activities of the NGAC. I downloaded, read, and studied "The NSDI Strategic Plan 2025-2035" ([link](#)) which was approved by the NGAC on October 16, 2024, and by the FGDC on October 18, 2024. It is an impressive document that lays out a vision for the next 10 years.

My small contribution to the plan is evidenced by my comments on the draft plan submitted in August 2024. Although specific details of my comments were not included, I see nothing in your final plan that takes exception to various points I attempted to make. The vision for the NSDI is articulated well.

As you know, my aspiration is the eventual adoption of an integrated 3-D spatial data model that will ultimately benefit the end users. To what extent might the following items support the goals of the FGDC Strategic Plan?

- Part I "3-D Digital Spatial Data, Time is 4th Dimension" April 14, 2024, [Link](#)
(Ideas based on convergence of abstraction/technology/policy/practice.)
- Part II "Benefits of a Standard," November 22, 2024, [Link](#)
(Discusses concepts and development of various spatial data standards.)
- Part III "Challenges and opportunities," This item is being written, [draft link](#)
(Will look at issues related to Process/Content/Transparency/Integrity.)

December 5, 2024 - after the fact. . .

I was permitted to listen-in on the virtual NGAC meeting as requested. Wow, they covered lots of material and I learned much more about operations behind the Strategic Plan and other activities. I had the opportunity to briefly discuss Parts I, II, and III as described above.

Question. . . will my input ever have any impact? I don't know but, for example, I needed to revise Part II (above) and add section III.J based in part on comments from the NGAC meeting. It seems many aspire for more common standards/methods for routine handling spatial data. **The GSDM does that!**