

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION****Office of the State Fire Marshal**

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California Fire Chiefs:

You may have already responded to a request for information from a company named Explore Information Services LLC. If so, please disregard this message.

In today's world, with an increased concern and awareness towards internal security, many of you may have questioned Explore Information Services request to know where each of your facilities is located.

Michele Cook, representing Explore Information Services contacted me and requested that the Office of the State Fire Marshal contact California Fire Services to advise you that their solicitation for information is in fact legitimate. As the Deputy Director responsible for CDF/SFM Law Enforcement and Fire Prevention, and as the department's liaison to the Department of Homeland Security, I am contacting you for State Fire Marshal Ruben Grijalva.

Explore Information Services has a contract with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), to gather data on the country's emergency services and work it into a useable data base. I have confirmed with the North American and Homeland Security Division that this is a legitimate project.

If you have any questions on the project, please contact Michele Cook, Explore Information Services LLC at 800-531-9125, Ext 74267. Their website is <http://www.exploredata.com/> or [Michele.cook@exploredata.com](mailto:Michele.cook@exploredata.com)

You may also take a look at the NGA website and see what they are all about at [www.NGA.Mil](http://www.NGA.Mil) <<http://www.nga.mil/>>

Please also feel free to contact me, either by E-mail or telephone at 916-653-7370 if you have any concerns or questions..

Sincerely,

David Hillman, Chief  
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