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Subject: Federal Fire Department Data Collection Underway - Fire
Station Survey from Explore Information Services

In the next few weeks (April 12-30) your fire department will receive a fire station information request from Explore Information Services, L.L.C. Explore is under contract (Federal Contract HM157304C0007 / NIMA30103C0006) with the National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) to develop and maintain the National Fire Station Database. This survey is an integral part of Geospatial Intelligence systems, supplying critical data to the Department of Homeland Security. Currently, this and other layers of data are used for planning, vulnerability assessments and for making Command and Control improvements. Future plans for the data involve making it available to authorized State and Local officials on a non-emergency basis, through NGA's NIPRNET and Homeland Security's Information Network (HSIN).

This is an important effort, providing critical infrastructure and response information to the NGA/Dept. of Homeland Security. It is recommended that each Fire Chief complete this survey when they receive it. If you would like to complete the survey electronically, a copy of the survey can be downloaded at <http://www.nationalfirestation.com/>. In addition to the survey, you will also be asked to provide your Primary (responding) boundaries for your station. If these boundaries are available as a digital GIS layer, please email the files to GIS@exploredata.com or send a copy on CD with the survey.

If you have any questions regarding the project or survey please feel free to contact Michele Cook at Explore Information Service. Ph: 651-405-4267, 800-531-9125 (Ext. 74267) Email: michele.cook@exploredata.com.

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