

**Date: March 2, 2007**

**Attn: Mississippi Fire Service**

**Re: Federal Fire Department Data Collection Effort Underway –  
Fire Station Survey from Explore Information Services**

In the next few weeks (March 5-16) your office will receive fire station survey information requests from Explore Information Services, L.L.C. The surveys will be sent to all County Coordinators to complete for fire stations in their county. Just to clarify this request, a survey report must be completed on every fire station in your county. This includes any sub-stations. There have been many consolidations of departments over the past few years and even though they all fall under one name each on the stations that make up the department must complete a survey. **Do not use the fire chief's address as the physical address of these stations.**

Explore is under contract (Federal Contract #HM157304C0007) with the National Geospatial-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 strategic planning and vulnerability assessments.

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](mailto: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](mailto:michele.cook@exploredata.com).

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