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Dear GEO colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the GEO AR-09-01a Task Team has issued a Call for Participation (CFP) in the 3rd Phase of the GEOSS Architecture Implementation Pilot (AIP). The CFP documents can be downloaded from the GEO website at http://www.earthobservations.org/geoss_call_aip.shtml

AIP-3 will build on previous phases of the AIP, the AIP Service Architecture and the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI). It will focus on contributing to other GEO Tasks, increasing the capacity of GEOSS to provide societal benefits, and, consistent with the data sharing guidelines, improving access to data. AIP-3 will be conducted during 2010 and will generate results in time for the 2010 Ministerial Summit in Beijing.

The CFP invites GEO Members and Participating Organizations to participate in one or more of the following three activities:


- Register components and services that are relevant to the Societal Benefit Areas (SBAs) and consistent with the GEOSS architecture and Interoperability arrangements;
- Test services delivered through the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI) in order to confirm the interoperability and operations of the GEOSS architecture; and
- Formulate SBA-specific scenarios for making full use of GEOSS resources, to guide the testing, demonstration, and operation of these resources.

Responses to this CFP are requested by 3 March 2010. Directions for preparing a response are described in the CFP. Organizations responding to the CFP should plan to attend the kickoff workshop for starting the development of AIP-3, which will be held 11-12 March 2010 at ESA-ESRIN in Frascati, Italy.

Several teleconferences will discuss and clarify the CFP before the Kickoff Workshop. Agendas and logistics for these teleconferences are posted at: <http://www.ogcnetwork.net/AIPtelecons>

If you have any questions about the CFP, please contact the Point of Contact for Task AR-07-02, George Percivall, at percivall@opengeospatial.org

Yours sincerely,



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