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Dear Dr. Dokka:

I have read your proposal for the creation of a Center for GeoInformatics at Louisiana State University. Your vision of "A Public and Private Sector Geospatial Community that is capable of sustaining America's economic growth and environmental well being," is worthy of pursuing. The coordination of the various disciplines within the Center will be a definite plus to the State. The Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council supports your efforts. The State's geospatial community can only benefit from its creation.

The GIS Council is particularly interested in the Center providing future professional training and its ability to provide quality assurance for contracted products. Positional accuracy verification is another area where the Center could provide assistance to the State geospatial community.

We are hopeful that the Center will be approved.

Sincerely,

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