**Arctic SDI**

**Working Group on Strategy**

**Terms of Reference**

**Introduction**

The Arctic SDI Board has decided to establish an Activity Group on Strategy.

**Objective**

The Activity Group on Strategy is responsible for:

* Development of the Arctic SDI Strategy 2015-2020
* Develop action items to achieve goals and action items of the Strategy
* Work closely with the Board and other activity groups

**Organization**

United States and Finland have volunteered as Co-*Lead Countries* for the Activity Group on Strategy.

*All countries will be supporting this activity as desired.*

The Co-Lead Countries have the responsibility for the operation and progress of the activity. The tasks within the activities can be divided between the Co-Lead Countries and the Support Countries. The United States will be also responsible for the planning of meetings, video meetings, correspondence and communication.

The Co-Lead Countries refers to the Board. This includes the responsibility to report and submit documents and draft decisions to the Board, including compliance with deadlines and reflecting on the opinions expressed by the National Contact Points in the process of preparing the Board Meeting and respecting the schedule for the preparation of Board Meetings.

**Activity plan**

The work within the Activity Working Group on Strategy is described in a dynamic Activity Plan which will be available at the Arctic SDI Web Site.

**Division of work**

Division of work between the Co-Lead Countries and Support countries was agreed in the Activity Group meeting on September 4 2014:

* United States:
* Finland:

**Transparency and interaction**

The work of the activity working group will be performed in an open and transparent manner and meetings as well as documentation will be open to all representatives from the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Co-Lead Countries have the responsibility to coordinate and communicate any necessary cross cutting issues concerning operations and planning processes with the other Arctic SDI working groups.

**Resources**

The Arctic SDI activities are based upon voluntary cooperation between the National Mapping Agencies.