Better Coordination Needed to Identify and Reduce Duplicative Investments

GAO was asked to determine the extent to which the federal government is coordinating the sharing of geospatial assets, including through oversight measures in place at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in order to identify and reduce redundancies in geospatial data and systems.

What GAO Recommends

GAO is making recommendations to the Director of OMB and the Secretary of the Interior to direct development of a national geospatial strategic plan, and recommendations to the Director of OMB to develop criteria for assessing interagency coordination on proposals for potential geospatial investments, and strengthen its oversight of geospatial projects. In providing oral comments on a draft of this report, OMB and Department of the Interior officials generally agreed with its content and recommendations.

Entities That May Be Involved in Geospatial Data Collection and Processing Relating to a Single Geographic Location or Event

Sources: GAO (analysis); U.S. Forest Service (Earth photo) and Nova Development (clip art).