Geospatial and Remote Sensing Law Working Group Meeting Notes: July 18, 2019

• Guest Speaker: Peter McLaughlin of Womble Bond Dickinson
  o ISACs
    ▪ Need for innovation
    ▪ Not new ways to collect data but new way to put information together
    ▪ Data sharing frameworks for better sharing between government and private sector
    ▪ We are good at handling our own individual work, but everyone approaches problems differently
      • Sharing insight and perspectives is important
    ▪ US Senate committee on Homeland security affairs released a scathing report on certain agencies
      • Found that, even at government level, there have not been an update to security flaws
    ▪ There are 2 aspects to data security focus:
      • Technical
        o Does it work?
          ▪ Access controls, incident response, authentication of individuals, firewalls, etc.
          ▪ Policies, training, etc.
        o Credible security/legally defensible security
          ▪ Every organization has had data losses and subject to attacks (things will go wrong)
          ▪ Ability to demonstrate even though something went wrong, it was not the result of some systematic failing on your company’s fault
      ▪ Controls do not address information sharing
      ▪ ISACs have been set up to aid in information sharing securely
      ▪ Information Analysis and Sharing Organization
        • Similar to ISACs (non-profit)
        • ISAO are set up among information sharing organizations and are meant to address cyber security
      ▪ One of the hesitancies that companies have is that you don’t want to “air your own dirty laundry”
        • Don’t want to admit flaws
• Participation in information sharing is meant to help improve cyber security, not to shame
  ▪ Information sharing won’t solve all issues but will help organizations learn the threat environment and to learn from other’s experiences
  ▪ Need to find a service that:
    • Meets your needs
    • Provides broader awareness of threat landscape
    • Enable better security management
    • Collection and dissemination of information that will help improve your security posture
  ▪ Legal obstacles to setting these up:
    • Anti-trust: Want to make sure when competitors are sharing information, you aren’t violating anti-trust or unfair competition rules
    • How you and your internal clients will capture and share information
      o Be sure to not have an “improper” release
      o Have a classified section that deals specifically with information sharing to prevent this
  ▪ Relatively easy to set up at ISAO as long as there are properly configured
    • Comes down to finding companies who are willing to share information
      o Ideas for monthly meetings
        ▪ Another protest updates this year
        ▪ 2nd panel on privacy and security issues
      o December event
        ▪ Will reach out soon to organize our formal December event
  • New business