US NDGPS

The Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) published on 1st August 2007 a notice in the Federal Register a request for public comment on the Nationwide Differential GPS (NDGPS) system. A summary from this notice is shown below: RITA on behalf of the US DOT, is assessing the current user needs and systems requirements of the inland (terrestrial) component of NDGPS. This assessment is in preparation for making a recommendation to the National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) Executive Committee (http://www.pnt.gov) on the need to continue to operate the inland component of the NDGPS system, and to make a decision on funding the NDGPS. The assessment may recommend other funding sources for future maintenance or enhancement of NDGPS, or shared sponsorship with other Federal and non-Federal agencies and entities, including the private sector.

If no transportation requirements or other federal user requirements are identified as a result of the needs assessment, and if there are no other Federal or other funding sources willing to sponsor or partner in sponsoring NDGPS, DOT would develop a decommissioning plan for NDGPS. Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before 1st October 2007.

For supplemental information related to this notice, see: http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/ndgps/NDGPS_FRN_080107.htm.

For a copy of the official notice, see: http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/ndgps/NDGPSNotice080107.pdf.

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