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TO: Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

VIA: Northern Rockies Chapter of URISA, c/o Ed DeYoung, NRURISA Chair,
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Dear IBPEPLS Board:

The Board of Directors of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) endorses the proposed changes to "TITLE 54, PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES, Chapter 12, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, section 54-1202, Definitions" that defines the "practice of survey" for which licensure is required. We believe it provides a clear distinction between the professional activities that must be performed by licensed surveyors, and other services that may be performed by GIS professionals.

We especially like the language in paragraph 11:

"Exempted from this section are: (i) mapping or geographic information system work that is for non-authoritative boundaries and non-authoritative elevations."

We believe this language sets a positive model for other state licensing boards to follow as well.

URISA is the international professional association representing GIS professionals, now in its 52nd year of operation. The Northern Rockies Chapter represents GIS professionals in Idaho.

Sincerely,
/s/ Carl Anderson

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