

Working Group Report Summary

Out of 8 Working Group responses:

- **Current Plan/Charter** – 87% have a current plan or charter for collection.
- **Metadata** - Only the **Biological Data Working Group** had metadata discoverable through the FGDC Clearinghouse. (The other working groups focus on standards development, not data development).
- **Data Sharing Policy** - Only the **Standards Working Group** has a data sharing policy. (The other working groups believe data access information policies vary by program and agency).

Recommended for Discontinuation:

- **Earth Cover Working Group**

No Response From:

- **Clearinghouse Working Group** (the questions did not apply to the working group's activities)
- **Earth Cover Working Group**
- **Historical Data Working Group**
- **Metadata Ad Hoc Working Group** (the questions did not apply to the working group's activities)

Areas of Concern:

- There continues to be confusion regarding the role of Working Groups and Subcommittees and theme generation as defined in OMB Circular A-16.
- Need process for fast and broad consensus.
- Need continual resources for standards.
- Security concerns.

Lessons Learned:

- There is greater reliance on standards developed through voluntary consensus standard organizations.