

MAPPS Definition of Surveying and Mapping (Quoted from Their Court Complaint)

To understand exactly what MAPPS is requesting in its case, it is illustrative to consult the 11-page complaint MAPPS filed to start the case on June 9, 2006. It can be summarized quite briefly. MAPPS is asking the court to compel the FAR (Federal Acquisition Regulation) council to:

"...define "surveying and mapping" in such a way as to include contracts and subcontracts for services for Federal agencies for collecting, storing, retrieving, or disseminating graphical or digital data depicting natural or man made physical features, phenomena and boundaries of the earth and any information related thereto, including but not limited to surveys, maps, charts, remote sensing data and images and aerial photographic services'."

MAPPS is asking that the definition be written into federal acquisition regulations (FAR) section 36.604(a)(4).

This proposed definition is given in section 17 of their complaint.

Incidentally, in their complaint MAPPS (sec. 3) claims to be "the only national association of firms in the field of surveying, spatial data and geographic information systems."

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