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Dear Mrs. Ulloa,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, through Land Information Center (LIC) of the Lands and Surveys Department, and in collaboration with Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and other local and regional agencies, began in 2009 to work on establishing Belize's National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) to foster national development. *The NSDI will provide the protocols and standards for data development and data sharing along with the fundamental datasets required by planners, decision makers, and enterprises in Belize.* This NSDI will address the major challenge of lack of access to spatial data, which is a significant barrier to sustainable national development.

Building on past efforts, we will be conducting a NSDI Working Group Session at the **George Price Centre on Thursday 6th October, 2011**, where the NSDI Work Groups established back in 2009 will be revitalized to continue this important task (please see attached TORs for the Work Groups). The outputs of this session will be incorporated in the 2nd National Spatial Data Infrastructure Conference on November 9th – 10th, 2011 at Banana Bank, Cayo (**please complete registration form for this Conference**).

Your organization is an indispensable component of the Belize NSDI effort; therefore we invite you to participate in the Conference. Kindly confirm your participation by submitting registration form by **Friday 15th October, 2011** (see contact information at top of page). We are able to cover Hotel accommodation and meals only; however we do not have funding for airfare or incidental expenses.

We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Carren Williams
Ag. Principal Land Information Officer
For Commissioner of Lands and Surveys