

# [ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16, July 05, 2011 ]

## **DIRECTING GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO COORDINATE WITH THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY IN ACQUISITION OF DATA FROM AIRBORNE AND SPACEBORNE PLATFORMS FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, topographic base maps and other thematic maps are important tools in the planning and implementation of various national development programs,

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of data from airborne and spaceborne platforms, such as satellite imageries, aerial photographs and other related products and services, is an essential and major cost component in the production of topographic base and thematic maps;

**WHEREAS**, uncoordinated mapping activities of various government agencies result in wasteful duplication of expenses and effort in the acquisition of satellite imageries and aerial photographs, and in the production of various topographic base and thematic maps, and result further in incompatibility and sub-optimal use of geographic information;

**WHEREAS**, the rationalization of the mapping activities of government is part of cross-cutting strategy under the *Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016* for research, development, extension, and knowledge management on the environment and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) is mandated by Section 22(a) of Executive Order (EO) No. 192 (s. 1987) to be the central mapping agency of the government.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

**SECTION 1. Scope.** This Administrative Order shall apply to all government agencies, local government units (LGUs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), Government Corporate Entities (GCEs), Government Instrumentalities with Corporate Powers (GICPs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), herein after referred to collectively as 'Government Entities'.

**SECTION 2. Mandatory Coordination.** Government Entities shall coordinate with NAMRIA regarding the acquisition of data from airborne and spaceborne platforms such as aerial photographs and satellite imageries, and other related products and services for mapping purposes. Government Entities shall submit to NAMRIA a complete inventory and index of all their data holdings within one month from the