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November 20, 2009

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### RE: LiDAR Project

Dear Mr. Smith:

We understand that the State of Maine, in cooperation with several other Northeast states, is planning to apply for a Federal grant to begin a collaborative program to develop new, high resolution topographic data for the entire region. The program, when completed, will provide topographical data that will meet the basic National Map and FEMA needs for all of the coastal counties in the Northeast including all or portions of 11 counties in the State of Maine. We support this effort as we believe the data will assist local municipalities in many areas including flood inundation areas, evacuation planning, cell phone tower placement and accurate resource protection zoning studies.

As Code Enforcement Officers, we sometimes find ourselves at a disadvantage when attempting to make determinations based on data that is inaccurate or at a scale that is completely useless. We believe that this project, when completed, will provide us with an additional tool to make accurate and legally defensible determinations on pending development applications.

Thank you for allowing us to express our views on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard G. Lambert'.

Richard G. Lambert  
Vice President, MBOIA

C: Joseph Young, Maine State Planning Office