

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What other counties have flown in Michigan?

R. The following counties flew in Spring 2004 (See Map): *

Allegan
Barry
Branch
Charlevoix
Cheboygan
Emmet
Hillsdale
Kalamazoo
Ionia

The following counties flew in 2005 (See Map): *

Antrim
Bay
Charlevoix
Cheboygan
Clinton
Eaton
Ingham
Jackson
Lapeer
Livingston
Macomb
Marquette
Midland
Monroe
Oakland
Ottawa
Saginaw
St Clair
Washtenaw
Wayne
Wexford

The following counties plan to fly Spring 2006 (See Map): *

Alcona
Alpena
Genesee
Grand Traverse
Gratiot
Isabella
Lake
Leelanau
Lenawee

Montcalm
Montmorency
Oscoda
Otsego
Presque Isle

The following counties plan to fly Spring 2007 (See Map): *

St Joseph
Jackson
Muskegon
Manistee
Van Buren

The following counties plan to fly Spring 2008 (See Map): *

Kent
Roscommon

The following counties plan to fly Spring 2009 (See Map): *

Crawford

Q. Of the counties that have flown or plan to fly, what Counties Have a Partnership in Place with the State of Michigan?

R. The following counties flew in Spring 2004 have a Partnership With the State of Michigan in place:

2004	Allegan
2004	Barry
2004	Branch
2004	Cheboygan
2004	Hillsdale

The following counties flew in Spring 2005 and have a Partnership With the State of Michigan in place (To learn more about the SEMCOG Orthoimagery Project, please visit their website at <http://www.semco.org/Products/AerialPhotos/2005RegOrtho.htm>):

2005	Clinton - Part of Tri-County Planning Commission
2005	Eaton - Part of Tri-County Planning Commission
2005	Ingham - Part of Tri-County Planning Commission
2005	Ionia
2005	Livingston - Part of SEMCOG
2005	Macomb - Part of SEMCOG
2005	Monroe - Part of SEMCOG
2005	Oakland - Part of SEMCOG
2005	Saginaw
2005	St Clair- Part of SEMCOG
2005	Washtenaw - Part of SEMCOG
2005	Wayne - Part of SEMCOG

The following counties flew in Spring 2006 have a Partnership With the State of Michigan in place:

2006	Alcona
2006	Genesee
2006	Grand Traverse
2006	Gratiot
2006	Lake
2006	Marquette
2006	Montcalm

Several additional Counties are in process of negotiations (Please see Map)

Q. How many counties do you anticipate will have Orthoimagery available by the end of Phase 1: Spring 2009

R. The SOM anticipates that all Counties will have Orthoimagery through Partnership with the SOM. However, the Counties that have not flown or do not have plans to fly in place by July 1, 2008 will be identified. The SOM will assume responsibility for coordinating flyovers in these identified counties in Phase II of the Program, Spring 2009.

Q. What is the long-term vision for the OrthoImagery Acquisition Program?

R. The SOM vision is complete Statewide OrthoImagery Acquisition every 5 years. The next phase will run from 2010 – 2014.

Q. What if a County has already flown? Can they still benefit from the partnership?

R. Yes. The SOM will enter into a Partnership for Orthoimages collected no earlier than Spring 2004

Q. What if a County is not sure about partnering with the SOM, but would like to explore (the partnership with the SOM).

R. You are encouraged to go ahead and fill out the application, completing as much information as available. This will enable the SOM to start a dialogue with your county.

Q. Why would a county enter into a partnership with the State of Michigan?

R. There are 5 good reasons to enter into a partnership with the State of Michigan:

- a. Cost Recovery – The funds that State contributes can be used to recoup some of the expenses incurred in the process of acquiring the ortho images for the county.
- b. The State share from the partnership enables the County to do one or more of the following: a) Acquire better quality images earlier; b) Cover a wider geographic area than would otherwise be the case with limited funding and c) Reduced cost per contributor

- c. The State wants to use the Data to support the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) program. The MGF supports many State and Local business processes related to all areas of life for your County residents:
 - a. Public Safety & Protection
 - b. Homeland Security
 - c. Economic Development
 - d. Environmental Protection
 - e. Transportation
 - f. Voter Registration & Management
 - g. Natural Resources Conservation & Management
 - h. Community Health Protection & Management
 - i. Public Education
 - j. Management and Protection of the State Agriculture

By sharing the most recent County ortho images, you are playing a key role in assuring each county has the most accurate representation.

- d. Technical Expertise – The State of Michigan extends technical assistance in dealing with the vendor to assure that the county gets the best imagery for the money. The State will work with your vendor before, during and after the flight to assure that planning, execution and delivery of the quality imagery is successful. The State will also work with your vendor to make sure that Metadata is provided. For more information on the assistance that the State can offer the county, please contact Mr. Dan Metzger of the Michigan Center for Geographic Information (CGI) at 517-373-7910 or MetzgerD@Mi.gov.
- e. On a case by case basis, the State of Michigan may consider hosting and serving services of the imagery for a county. Having a partnership in place would facilitate hosting and serving services, as the State would be in a position to assist the county in working with the vendor to get quality imagery. For more information on the imagery hosting and serving assistance that the State can offer the county, please contact Mr. Everett Root of the Michigan Center for Geographic (CGI) at 517-373-7910 or EverettR@Mi.gov

Q. Can I get all the partnership funds all at once, or is there a payment schedule?

R. If the Agency has a completed and available product, the SOM will make a single payment. If, however, the product acquisition is in process, the SOM will make payment following a payment schedule established between the Agency and the vendor as stated in the contractor’s Statement of Work. The SOM will need to be invoiced

Q. Exactly what does the County in Partnership get from the SOM?

R. The SOM gives the county between 10 – 20 percent of the cost of acquiring the orthoimages (See terms and conditions for details).

Q. Exactly what does the SOM get from the Partnership with the County?

R. The SOM gets use rights to the County images. If the images acquired are less than 2 foot pixels, the SOM asks permission to degrade the product to 2 foot pixels for

general distribution on the CGI website. In the highly unlikely circumstance that the original products are at 2-foot Pixel Resolution, the SOM will need to negotiate with the county on a case-by-case basis.

For the purposes of this contract, CGI will treat USGS and other federal agencies as State of Michigan Agencies in relation to accessing imagery managed by us.

To the extent provided by the federal, state and local laws, the SOM will NOT distribute any original products on the web site. The SOM is willing to sign the County Enhanced Access Agreement if one is available.

- * This information was collected through a series of surveys. The list may reflect the most recent status of the projects. This is provided for general information only. For official project status, please contact the County directly.

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