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To: Virginia Localities
From: Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director, APELSCIDLA Board
Date: June 14, 2016
Re: Orthophoto Maps Usage

It has been brought to the Board's attention that Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) orthographic maps are being used for design work, putting registered professional designers in violation of Virginia Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA) Board regulations. These types of orthophoto maps, which are not prepared under the direct control and personal supervision of a Virginia licensed Land Surveyor, shall not be used for improvements to real property, flood plain design or flood plain delineation.

The Board invited representatives from the VITA to its March 15th Board meeting to discuss the importance of including a Virginia licensed land surveyor in their current RFP. VITA representatives indicated that there is a disclaimer on the imagery that it is not to be used for design work. Regardless of the disclaimer, the Board is aware of instances where this imagery is being used for design work.

Please refer to page nine of the Board's March 15, 2016 meeting at http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/GetFile.cfm?File=C:\TownHall\docroot\Meeting\7\23667\Minutes_DPOR_23667_v1.pdf and page five of the PE/LS Section meeting at http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/GetFile.cfm?File=C:\TownHall\docroot\Meeting\7\23673\Minutes_DPOR_23673_v1.pdf for the discussion that took place at the meetings and the Board's position on RFPs not requiring the services of a Virginia licensed Land Surveyor and the use of Orthophoto maps not prepared by a Virginia licensed Land Surveyor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Virginia APELSCIDLA Board at 804-367-8514.

Thank you.