



The EROS Program of the U.S. Department of the Interior

The Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Program of the U.S. Department of the Interior, administered by the Geological Survey, was established in 1966 to apply remote-sensing techniques (detecting the nature of an object from a distance by recording and measuring the electromagnetic radiation energy reflected or emitted from it) to the inventory, monitoring, and management of Earth resources.

The EROS Data Center, 16 miles northeast of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is operated by the EROS Program to provide access to remotely sensed data of the Earth's surface and to provide user assistance and training in the applications of these data to the study of natural resources and the environment. Products processed at the EROS Data Center include aerial photography obtained for the Department of the Interior; photography and imagery acquired by NASA research aircraft and the Skylab, Apollo, and Gemini spacecraft; and imagery acquired by Landsat satellites.

All products of the Data Center are available for purchase by individuals, private industry, and government agencies from any country in the world.

The scientific staff of the Data Center works with visiting scientists and resource

managers, familiarizing them with techniques and equipment for extracting information from the data, and conducts training courses in remote sensing and discipline-oriented workshops.

Information regarding the cost and availability of the data and training activities may be obtained from:

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Aerial Photograph of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The photograph of Sioux Falls on the reverse side of this sheet is an example of aerial photography available for many areas of the United States. This photo was taken from a NASA U-2 aircraft at an altitude of 25,000 feet on May 15, 1975. The complete photograph covers an area of about 49 square miles, 36 of which are shown here. The airport and its runways are at the north edge of the city, and Covell Lake can be seen just left of center. Individual buildings, including the city's hospitals, schools, and business firms, can be recognized.

Please refer to Photo Identification No. 5CITY2078182100 when ordering this photograph of Sioux Falls. Prices for 36-inch, 27-inch, 18-inch, and 9-inch color prints will be supplied on request.

