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Dear Mr. Wende:

This letter confirms the desire of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to join the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in issuing the "Request For Information (RFI) for a Landsat Continuity Mission Via the Purchase of Data." I understand that my staff has been working with you to draft an RFI that will use a NASA solicitation to determine the interest of the private sector to provide data from a system that would provide continuity with the Landsat-7 data stream.

We look forward to participating in the review of the RFI responses, and we want to work with NASA to develop a long-term strategy to ensure that there is a follow-on to the Landsat-7 system. Please continue to work with Larry Pettinger of my staff to coordinate USGS participation in these activities.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Need help w/ "timeliness" issue in RFI

COMMENT: (here's the letter Wetner's office signed - if you have any comments, we could change it -- haven't sent it to Weude yet)

The specific assumption Weude & I are not yet agreeing on is the following:

- The science community and Federal operational users may occasionally need immediate receipt of some data; however, most government-related users can tolerate a delay of weeks to a few months.

* Please call to discuss, hopefully before I leave today (11:30 your time) Thanks, Larry