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(pronunciation – pal – a – TEE – yellow)

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John is a leading authority of public policy issues affecting the geospatial community. He was named one of the “ten most influential people in the geospatial community” by *Directions* magazine and is listed in *Who’s Who in Professional Design Practice*. He serves as Executive Director of the Maryland Society of Surveyors, the Virginia Association of Surveyors, and Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Association, Administrator of the Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural-Engineering Services (COFPAES), a coalition of national design professional societies, government affairs consultant to the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), and an organizer of the 3DEP Coalition. For 30 years, he served as Executive Director of MAPPS, the association of geospatial firms. A recent executive management activity is as CEO of U.S. GEO, a coalition of geospatial firm executives. In 2020, he formed an exploratory group, the Geospatial Equipment and Technology Institute (GETI), to serve as a collaboration and voice for hardware, software, and equipment firms serving the surveying, mapping, GIS, GPS and geospatial market.

In 2008, John was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as a one of the original members of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). In 2013, he was named by the Governor of Virginia to the Advisory Board of the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), the commonwealth’s statewide geospatial program. He also served on the Mapping Committee to the Board of Professional Land Surveyors of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. He recently served on a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) working group on beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) operation of commercial unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

John has a degree in political science from The American University in Washington, DC. He served for eight years as a Congressional staff assistant, including service as an aide to former Congressman John Myers (R-IN) and former Congressman Bill Hendon (R-NC). John has been involved in public policy issues affecting the geospatial community since 1982. He was the first Joint Government Affairs Director of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) and was Assistant Executive Director of ACSM. He is a frequent instructor and speaker before surveying and mapping audiences, has testified before Congress on more than 20 occasions, and has authored more than 50 articles in publications on geospatial policy, business practice, and other issues, and has advised geospatial organizations in Canada, Australia, Great Britain, and Japan. John has served as Chairman of the Procurement and Privatization Council of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Chamber’s Small Business Council. He formerly served as Executive Director of America Moving Forward, an association of firms involved public-private partnerships (“P3s”) for financing, building, and operating tolls roads and other surface transportation infrastructure.