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John M. Palatiello is Executive Director of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors, (MAPPS, www.mapps.org), an association of private firms in the geospatial field and government affairs consultant to the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS).

He is also President of the firm of John M. Palatiello & Associates, Inc., (www.jmpa.us) a public affairs consulting firm located in Reston, Virginia, providing government affairs and association management services to firms and organizations in the geospatial, engineering and mapping related fields. He serves as Administrator of the Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural-Engineering Services (COFPAES, www.cofpaes.org), a coalition of the nation's leading design professional societies.

In 2008, John was named by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne as a one of the original members of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). In 2009, John was named one of the ten most influential people in the geospatial community by *Directions* Magazine. In 2013, he was named by Governor Bob McDonnell to the Advisory Board of the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), the commonwealth's statewide geospatial program.

John has long been involved in public policy issues affecting the geospatial community. 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 was appointed to an advisory committee to the Virginia state legislature to create the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), and was a member of a study committee on licensing of Photogrammetrists that made recommendations to the Virginia Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA). He is also a member of the Board of the Institute for Geographic Information Systems Studies (IGISS), a non-profit education and research institution. He is a contributing columnist for P.O.B. magazine and has written more than 50 papers and articles on issues affecting the geospatial community and has testified before Congress on more than a dozen occasions on behalf of the profession.

A Connecticut native, 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 served as Chairman of the Procurement and Privatization Council of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and current serves on the Chamber's Small Business Council. He is President of the Business Coalition for Fair Competition, an organization of associations, companies and individuals that promote policies and legislation that seek to focus government on its core mission, while curbing government commercial activities. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), on which he has served on its Government Relations Section board of directors. He is a former 9-year member of the Fairfax County (VA) Planning Commission.