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CGMS Futures 2022+ Project: Relationship to the Private Sector Best Practices for Commercial Data Purchases Presented to CGMS Futures 2022+ Cross-Cutting

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Executive summary:

The overarching goal of the CGMS Futures 2022+ Project: Relationship with the Private Sector theme is to leverage the opportunities of a rapidly growing commercial space sector while maintaining operational data standards and open data sharing. The Best Practices for Commercial Data Purchases document is intended **to help CGMS Members and Observers develop a shared understanding of the range of Member agencies' views and practices in relation to operational use of commercial Earth observations**. Although the practice of government agencies purchasing commercial data is still in its relatively early stages and most CGMS Members are not purchasing data at this time, this document is intended **to provide a snapshot of current commercial data purchase programs from Members that are and to present some guidance regarding best practices from those agencies**. This report focuses on operational commercial data purchases; commercial data purchased for research purposes is out of scope at this time. These eight best practices for commercial data purchases were submitted to Members for endorsement at CGMS Plenary-52.

Best Practices for Consideration

Best Practice BP.01	Ensure that international data policies are upheld, especially pertaining to the free and unrestricted sharing of government earth observations data.
Best Practice BP.02	Include language to purchase unique data sets when purchasing commercial data.
Best Practice BP.03	Ensure service standards.
Best Practice BP.04	Facilitate interoperability between private and public sector data.
Best Practice BP.05	When procuring commercial data, consider using standard open data licenses to define any restrictions on use.
Best Practice BP.06	CGMS Members should communicate their commercial space policy to other CGMS Members.
Best Practice BP.07	Ensure the best value when deciding whether to enter into a contract.
Best Practice BP.08	Ensure a vibrant research enterprise.

To be considered by CGMS

- Best practices for commercial data purchases document for endorsement
- Encourages Members to actively participate in the newly established WGIII standing agenda item on relationship with the private sector