### AIRBORNE TOPOGRAPHIC LIDAR REPORT

# FEMA REGION 6 TX – RIO GRANDE AND FORT WHITMAN WATERSHED QL 2 LIDAR

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#### I. SUMMARY/SCOPE

### 1.1. SUMMARY

This report contains a summary of the FEMA Region 6 – TX LiDAR acquisition task order, issued by the USGS National Geospatial Technical Operations Center (NGTOC), under their Geospatial Product and Services Contract (GPSC) on November 17, 2014. The combined task orders yielded one study area covering the Rio Grande and Fort Whitman Watersheds. The intent of this document is to only provide specific validation information for the LiDAR data acquisition/collection work completed for the USGS NGTOC project.

### **1.2. SCOPE**

The scope of the FEMA Region 6 – TX LiDAR task order included the acquisition of aerial topographic LiDAR using state of the art technology, along with necessary surveyed ground control points (GCPs) and airborne GPS and inertial navigation systems, for the Rio Grande and Fort Whitman Watersheds. The aerial data collection was designed with the following specifications listed in Table 1 below.

| Area         | Average Point<br>Density | Flight Altitude<br>(AGL) | Field of<br>View | Minimum Side<br>Overlap | RMSEz             |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Rio Grande   | 2.30 pts / m^2           | 1,784 m                  | 40.0 degrees     | 12.54%                  | 9.25 cm or better |
| El Paso High | 3.05 pts / m^2           | 1,292 – 1,784 m          | 40.0 degrees     | 10.57%                  | 9.25 cm or better |

#### Table 1. Originally Planned LiDAR Specifications

### 1.3. LOCATION / COVERAGE

The FEMA Region 6 – TX LiDAR project boundary consists of an area in Texas. The project area totals approximately 725 square miles as shown in Figure 1 on the following page.



Figure 1. FEMA Region 6 – TX LiDAR Project Boundary





### 1.4. **DURATION**

The first mission was flown on November 30, 2014 and it took 9 total lifts to complete coverage of the area. See section 2.4 for more details.

#### 1.5. **Issues**

Re-flights were required for portions of the mountainous area north of El Paso in order to fill in data gaps from the original lifts. Mexican and military airspace were also complicating factors but were handled successfully.

### 2. PLANNING / EQUIPMENT

The entire target area was comprised of 109 planned flight lines and approximately 3438.13 flight line kilometers. Please refer to Figure 2 on the following pages.



Figure 2. Originally Planned Flight Lines





Detailed project flight planning calculations were performed for the FEMA Region 6 – TX project using the Leica Mission Pro planning software. Flight planning was based on the unique project requirements and characteristics of the project site. The basis of planning included: required accuracies, type of development, amount / type of vegetation within project area, required data posting, and potential altitude restrictions for flights in project vicinity. A brief summary of the aerial acquisition parameters for the project are shown in the LiDAR System Specification Table 2 below:

|                              |                                    | Rio Grande     | El Paso High       |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Toursin and Airprof          | Flying Height AGL                  | 1784 meters    | 1292 – 1784 meters |
| Terrain and Aircrait         | Recommended Ground Speed (GS)      | 150kts         | 150kts             |
| Seemen                       | Field of View (FOV)                | 40°            | 40°                |
| Scanner                      | Scan Rate Setting used (SR)        | 38.6 Hz        | 38.6 Hz            |
| Leeer                        | Laser Pulse Rate used              | 306,000 Hz     | 306,000 Hz         |
| Laser                        | Multi Pulse in Air Mode            | Enabled        | Enabled            |
| Coverege                     | Full Swath Width                   | 1298.57 meters | 1298.57 meters     |
| Coverage                     | Line Spacing                       | 1161.27 meters | 882.45             |
|                              | Maximum Point Spacing Across Track | 1.00 m         | 1.00 m             |
| Point Spacing and<br>Density | Maximum Point Spacing Along Track  | 1.00 m         | 1.00 m             |
|                              | Average Point Density              | 3.05 pts / m^2 | 3.05 pts / m^2     |

Table 2. LiDAR System Specifications for Leica 7170 Rio Grande and Rio Grande – El Paso High

### 2.1. EQUIPMENT: AIRCRAFT

All flights for the FEMA Region 6 – TX project were accomplished through the use of a customized twin piston Piper Navajo (Tail Number: N22GE). This aircraft provided an ideal, stable aerial base for LiDAR acquisition. This aerial platform has relatively fast cruise speeds which are beneficial for project mobilization / demobilization while maintaining relatively slow stall speeds which proved ideal for collection of high-density, consistent data posting using a state-of-the-art Leica LiDAR system.



### 2.2. LIDAR SENSOR

Quantum Spatial utilized a Leica LiDAR sensor (see Figure 3), serial number 7170, during the project. The system is capable of collecting data at a maximum frequency of 500 kHz, which affords elevation data collection of up to 500,000 points per second. The system utilizes a Multi-Pulse in the Air option (MPIA). The sensor is also equipped with the ability to measure up to 4 returns per outgoing pulse from the laser and these come in the form of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last returns. The intensity of the returns is also captured during aerial acquisition.

Figure 3. Leica ALS70 LiDAR System





### 2.3. BASE STATION INFORMATION

GPS base stations were utilized during all phases of flight (see Table 3 below). The base station locations were verified using NGS OPUS service and subsequent surveys. Station locations are depicted in Figure 4. See Appendix A for more detailed information (data sheets, graphical depiction of base station locations, log sheets used during station occupation).

| Base Station | Latitude          | Longitude           | Ellipsoid Height (m) |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 0884         | 31° 47' 48.04158" | -106° 22' 27.13206" | 1179.825             |
| TXEL         | 31° 41' 29.43881" | -106° 16' 17.60354" | 1123.060             |
| TXWT         | 31° 52' 12.39971" | -106° 26' 33.61556" | 1194.381             |
| TXBA         | 31° 45' 56.12527" | -106° 26' 47.13561" | 1114.154             |

#### Table 3. Base Station Locations



Figure 4. FEMA Region 6 – TX Base Station Locations





### 2.4. TIME PERIOD

Project specific flights were conducted over several months. Nine sorties, or aircraft lifts were completed. Accomplished sorties are listed below:

| _ | <i>a</i>     |   |              |   |              |
|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
|   |              |   |              |   |              |
| • | 120714A 7170 | • | 120814A 7170 | • | 121114A 7170 |
| • | 120214A_7170 | • | 120314A_7170 | • | 120614A_7170 |
| ٠ | 113014A_7170 | • | 120114A_7170 | • | 120114B_7170 |
|   |              |   |              |   |              |

#### 3. **PROCESSING SUMMARY**

Applanix + POSPac Mobile Mapping Suite software was used for post-processing of airborne GPS and inertial data (IMU), which is critical to the positioning and orientation of the LiDAR sensor during all flights. POSPac combines aircraft raw trajectory data with stationary GPS base station data yielding a "Smoothed Best Estimate Trajectory (SBET) necessary for additional post processing software to develop the resulting geo-referenced point cloud from the LiDAR missions.

During the sensor trajectory processing (combining GPS & IMU datasets) certain statistical graphs and tables are generated within the Applanix POSPac processing environment which are commonly used as indicators of processing stability and accuracy. This data for analysis include: Max horizontal / vertical GPS variance, separation plot, altitude plot, PDOP plot, base station baseline length, processing mode, number of satellite vehicles, and mission trajectory. All relevant graphs produced in the POSPac processing environment for each sortie during the Quantum Spatial project mobilization are available in Appendix A.

The generated point cloud is the mathematical three dimensional composite of all returns from all laser pulses as determined from the aerial mission. Laser point data are imported into TerraScan and a manual calibration is performed to assess the system offsets for pitch, roll, heading and scale. At this point this data is ready for analysis, classification, and filtering to generate a bare earth surface model in which the above-ground features are removed from the data set. Point clouds were created using the Leica ALS Post Processor. GeoCue distributive processing software was used in the creation of some files needed in downstream processing, as well as in the tiling of the dataset into more manageable file sizes. TerraScan and TerraModeler software packages were then used for the automated data classification, manual cleanup, and bare earth generation. Project specific macros were developed to classify the ground and remove side overlap between parallel flight lines.

All data will manually be reviewed and any remaining artifacts removed using functionality provided by TerraScan and TerraModeler. Global Mapper will be used as a final check of the bare earth dataset. GeoCue was used to create the deliverable industry-standard LAS files for both the All Point Cloud Data and the Bare Earth. In-house software will then be used to perform final statistical analysis of the classes in the LAS files.

Metadata was generated for the project on a deliverable level.



### 3.1. FLIGHT LOGS

Flight logs were completed by LIDAR sensor technicians for each mission during acquisition. These logs depict a variety of information, including:

- Job / Project #
- Flight Date / Lift Number
- FOV (Field of View)
- Scan Rate (HZ)
- Pulse Rate Frequency (Hz)
- Ground Speed
- Altitude
- Base Station
- PDOP avoidance times
- Flight Line #
- Flight Line Start and Stop Times
- Flight Line Altitude (AMSL)
- Heading
- Speed
- Returns
- Crab

Notes: (Visibility, winds, ride, weather, temperature, dew point, pressure, etc). Project specific flight logs for each sortie are available in Appendix A.

### 3.2. LAS CLASSIFICATION SCHEME

The classification classes are determined by the USGS Version 1.0 specifications and are an industry standard for the classification of LIDAR point clouds. All data starts the process as Class 1 (Unclassified), and then through automated classification routines, the classifications are determined using TerraScan macro processing.

The classes used in the dataset are as follows and have the following descriptions:

- Class 1 Processed, but Unclassified These points would be the catch all for points that do not fit any of the other deliverable classes. This would cover features such as vegetation, cars, etc.
- Class 2 Bare earth ground This is the bare earth surface
- Class 7 Noise Low or high points, manually identified above or below the surface that could be noise points in point cloud.
- Class 9 In-land Water Points found inside of inland lake/ponds
- Class 10 Ignored Ground Points found to be close to breakline features. Points are moved to this class from the Class 2 dataset. This class is ignored during the DEM creation process in order to provide smooth transition between the ground surface and hydro flattened surface.
- Class 17 Overlap Default (Unclassified) Points found in the overlap between flight lines. These points are created through automated processing methods and not cleaned up during processing.
- Class 18 Overlap Bare-earth ground Points found in the overlap between flight lines. These points are created through automated processing, matching the specifications determined during the automated process, that are close to the Class 2 dataset (when analyzed using height from ground analysis)
- Class 25 Overlap Water Points found in the overlap between flight lines that are located inside hydro features. These points are created through automated processing methods and not cleaned up during processing.



### 3.3. CLASSIFIED LAS PROCESSING

The bare earth surface is then manually reviewed to ensure correct classification on the Class 2 (Ground) points. After the bareearth surface is finalized; it is then used to generate all hydro-breaklines through heads-up digitization.

All ground (ASPRS Class 2) LiDAR data inside of the Lake Pond and Double Line Drain hydro flattening breaklines were then classified to water (ASPRS Class 9) using TerraScan macro functionality. A buffer of 1 meter was also used around each hydro flattened feature to classify these ground (ASPRS Class 2) points to Ignored ground (ASPRS Class 10). All Lake Pond Island and Double Line Drain Island features were checked to ensure that the ground (ASPRS Class 2) points were reclassified to the correct classification after the automated classification was completed.

All overlap data was processed through automated functionality provided by TerraScan to classify the overlapping flight line data to approved classes by USGS. The overlap data was classified to Class 17 (Overlap Default), Class 18 (Overlap Ground) and Class 25 (Overlap Water). These classes were created through automated processes only and were not verified for classification accuracy. Due to software limitations within TerraScan, these classes were used to trip the withheld bit within various software packages. These processes were reviewed and accepted by USGS through numerous conference calls and pilot study areas.

All data was manually reviewed and any remaining artifacts removed using functionality provided by TerraScan and TerraModeler. Global Mapper is used as a final check of the bare earth dataset. GeoCue was then used to create the deliverable industry-standard LAS files for all point cloud data. Quantum Spatial proprietary software was used to perform final statistical analysis of the classes in the LAS files, on a per tile level to verify final classification metrics and full LAS header information.

### 3.4. HYDRO FLATTENING BREAKLINE PROCESS

Class 2 LiDAR was used to create a bare earth surface model. The surface model was then used to heads-up digitize 2D breaklines of Inland Streams and Rivers with a 30 meter nominal width and Inland Ponds and Lakes of 2 acres or greater surface area.

Elevation values were assigned to all Inland Ponds and Lakes, Inland Pond and Lake Islands, Inland Streams and Rivers and Inland Stream and River Islands using TerraModeler functionality.

Elevation values were assigned to all Inland streams and rivers using Quantum Spatial proprietary software.

All ground (ASPRS Class 2) LiDAR data inside of the collected inland breaklines were then classified to water (ASPRS Class 9) using TerraScan macro functionality. A buffer of 1 meter was also used around each hydro flattened feature. These points were moved from ground (ASPRS Class 2) to Ignored Ground (ASPRS Class 10).

The breakline files were then translated to ESRI Shapefile format using ESRI conversion tools.



### 3.5. HYDRO FLATTENING RASTER DEM PROCESS

Class 2 LiDAR in conjunction with the hydro breaklines were used to create a 1 meter Raster DEM. Using automated scripting routines within ArcMap, an ERDAS Imagine IMG file was created for each tile. Each surface is reviewed using Global Mapper to check for any surface anomalies or incorrect elevations found within the surface.

#### 4. **DELIVERABLES**

- Calibrated, unclassified point cloud swath LAS in version 1.2 format
- Classified point cloud tiled LAS in version 1.2 format
- Hydro flattened raster DEM in ERDAS .IMG format
- Hydro flattened breaklines in shape file format
- Ground control points in shape file format
- Tile index in shape file format
- Project and deliverable level metadata in XML format
- Accuracy Assessment in XLS format
- FOCUS Report
- Delivery Lot Report
- Project Report



### 5. **PROJECT COVERAGE VERIFICATION**

The FEMA Region 6 – TX project area coverage verification was performed by comparing coverage of processed .LAS files captured during project collection to generate project shape files depicting boundaries of specified project areas. Please refer to Figure 5.







#### 6. GROUND CONTROL AND CHECK POINT COLLECTION

Quantum Spatial completed a field survey of 30 ground control (calibration) points along with 80 blind QA points in 5 different land cover classifications (total of 110 points) as an independent test of the accuracy of this project. The land cover classifications were selected from the dominant classifications for this project area. These included:

- Bare Earth
- Brushland, Low trees
- Tall Weeds
- Urban Areas

A combination of precise GPS surveying methods, including static and RTK observations were used to establish the 3D position of ground calibration points and QA points for the point classes above. GPS was not an appropriate methodology for surveying in the forested areas during the leaf-on conditions for the actual field survey (which was accomplished after the LiDAR acquisition). Therefore the 3D positions for the forested points were acquired using a GPS-derived offset point located out in the open near the forested area, and using precise offset surveying techniques to derive the 3D position of the forested point from the open control point. The explicit goal for these surveys was to develop 3D positions that were three times greater than the accuracy requirement for the elevation surface. In this case of the blind QA points the goal was a positional accuracy of 5 cm in terms of the RMSE.

Figure 6 shows the location of each bare earth calibration point for the project area. Table 4 depicts the Control Report for the LiDAR bare earth calibration points shown in Figure 6, as computed in TerraScan as a quality assurance check. Note that these results of the surface calibration are not an independent assessment of the accuracy of these project deliverables, but the statistical results do provide additional feedback as to the overall quality of the elevation surface.

The project was delivered using the following horizontal projection(s): NAD83 (2011), UTM Zone 13, meters; NAVD88 (Geoid 12A), meters. In this document, horizontal coordinates for ground control and QA points for all LiDAR classes are reported in UTM Zone 13, meters.

The required accuracy testing was performed on the LiDAR dataset (both the LiDAR point cloud and derived DEM's) according to the USGS LiDAR Base Specification Version 1.0 (2012). The locations for all tested blind QA points are shown in Figure 7. The summary below provides the results of this testing:

#### **Point Cloud Testing**

Raw Fundamental Vertical Accuracy (Raw FVA): The tested Raw FVA for the dataset was found to be 0.029 meters in terms of the RMSEz. The resulting FVA stated as the 95% confidence level (RMSEz x 1.96) is 0.058 meters. This dataset *meets* the required FVA of 18.13 cm at the 95% confidence level (according to the National Standard for Spatial Database Accuracy (NSSDA)), based on TINs derived from the final calibrated and controlled LiDAR swath data. This is summarized in Table 5.

#### **Digital Elevation Model (DEM) Testing**

Fundamental Vertical Accuracy (FVA): The tested FVA for the dataset captured from the DEM using bi-linear interpolation to derive the DEM elevations was found to be 0.027 meters in terms of the RMSEz. The resulting accuracy stated as the 95% confidence level (RMSEz x 1.96) is 0.053 meters. This dataset *meets* the required FVA of 18.13 cm at the 95% confidence level (based on NSSDA). This is summarized in Table 6.



Supplemental Vertical Accuracy (SVA): The tested SVA accuracies for the dataset for each of the land cover classes
other than open ground are summarized below. These results are stated in terms of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile error (based on
ASPRS guidelines) for each of the land cover classes other than open ground.

The following land cover classes were tested and the resulting 95th percentile error values are listed below:

- Brushland, Low Trees: 0.302 meters (Table 7)
- Tall Weeds: 0.192 meters (Table 8)
- Urban Areas: 0.066 meters (Table 9)
- Consolidated Vertical Accuracy (CVA): The tested CVA for the dataset captured from the DEM using bi-linear interpolation for all classes (including the bare earth class) was found to be 0.192 meters, which is stated in terms of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile error. Therefore the data *meets* the required CVA of 36.3 cm. This test was based on the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile error (based on ASPRS guidelines) across <u>all</u> land cover categories

This is also summarized in Table 10.



#### Figure 6. LiDAR Ground Control Points Used in Calibration





#### Figure 7. All Final LiDAR QA Point Locations





Figure 8. Bare Earth QA Point Locations





Figure 9. Brushland, Low Trees QA Point Locations





Figure 10. Tall Weeds QA Point Locations





Figure 11. Urban Area QA Point Locations





#### Table 4. LiDAR Ground Control Point Report (Units = Meters)

| Number     | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | Laser Z | Dz     |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|---------|--------|
| CP1        | 347623.801 | 3528278.157 | 1145.269 | 1145.28 | 0.011  |
| CP2        | 351050.095 | 3529862.01  | 1192.049 | 1192.06 | 0.011  |
| CP3        | 356158.252 | 3530886.192 | 1442.413 | 1442.41 | -0.003 |
| CP4        | 363876.759 | 3533693.576 | 1249.005 | 1249    | -0.005 |
| CP5        | 371366.189 | 3536144.463 | 1216.903 | 1216.91 | 0.007  |
| CP6        | 347487.625 | 3537152.354 | 1151.586 | 1151.63 | 0.044  |
| CP7        | 356981.977 | 3542869.465 | 1345.648 | 1345.63 | -0.018 |
| CP8        | 359008.253 | 3513939.599 | 1130.763 | 1130.77 | 0.007  |
| CP9        | 366352.926 | 3516929.407 | 1173.991 | 1174.05 | 0.059  |
| CP10       | 373086.157 | 3518685.628 | 1207.779 | 1207.74 | -0.039 |
| CP11       | 384798.608 | 3520335.874 | 1224.834 | 1224.77 | -0.064 |
| CP12       | 382755.378 | 3488922.632 | 1104.816 | 1104.79 | -0.026 |
| CP13       | 383988.095 | 3493379.17  | 1106.51  | 1106.53 | 0.02   |
| CP14       | 391257.097 | 3494554.431 | 1205.415 | 1205.42 | 0.005  |
| CP15       | 414148.841 | 3465460.287 | 1082.851 | 1082.85 | -0.001 |
| CP16       | 415445.844 | 3467535.368 | 1117.941 | 1117.95 | 0.009  |
| CP17       | 425631.314 | 3453700.514 | 1069.862 | 1069.91 | 0.048  |
| CP18       | 439159.064 | 3443698.042 | 1068.005 | 1067.99 | -0.015 |
| CP19       | 433611.695 | 3449500.662 | 1105.467 | 1105.45 | -0.017 |
| CP20       | 437702.374 | 3454740.826 | 1160.91  | 1160.92 | 0.01   |
| CP21       | 423145.926 | 3468259.444 | 1181.093 | 1181.06 | -0.033 |
| CP22       | 421432.548 | 3459946.656 | 1073.302 | 1073.28 | -0.022 |
| CP23       | 399034.371 | 3477380.511 | 1089.911 | 1089.94 | 0.029  |
| CP24       | 398314.128 | 3492386.26  | 1188.793 | 1188.82 | 0.027  |
| CP25       | 391728.901 | 3484089.218 | 1097.359 | 1097.36 | 0.001  |
| CP26       | 384867.296 | 3482762.337 | 1100.243 | 1100.21 | -0.033 |
| CP27       | 379417.044 | 3495172.986 | 1110.257 | 1110.28 | 0.023  |
| CP28       | 386703.952 | 3507504.26  | 1227.606 | 1227.59 | -0.016 |
| CP29       | 376417.127 | 3510321.072 | 1150.689 | 1150.65 | -0.039 |
| CP30       | 353550.314 | 3523453.122 | 1221.989 | 1222    | 0.011  |
|            |            |             |          |         |        |
| Average dz | -0.000 m   |             |          |         |        |

| Average dz       | -0.000 m |
|------------------|----------|
| Minimum dz       | -0.064 m |
| Maximum dz       | 0.059 m  |
| Root Mean Square | 0.027 m  |
| Std Deviation    | 0.028 m  |



#### Table 5. Raw FVA - Bare Earth QA – Unclassified Points (Units = Meters)

| Number     | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | LiDAR Z  | Dz     |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| BE1        | 348086.794 | 3541185.908 | 1154.474 | 1154.510 | 0.036  |
| BE2        | 345202.229 | 3539154.364 | 1154.176 | 1154.240 | 0.064  |
| BE3        | 350943.098 | 3531128.071 | 1197.942 | 1197.970 | 0.028  |
| BE4        | 346715.928 | 3528225.059 | 1145.059 | 1145.060 | 0.001  |
| BE5        | 353284.902 | 3520620.556 | 1149.512 | 1149.540 | 0.028  |
| BE6        | 363791.236 | 3532911.708 | 1251.822 | 1251.830 | 0.008  |
| BE7        | 362800.984 | 3517065.994 | 1135.974 | 1136.010 | 0.036  |
| BE8        | 372918.926 | 3506327.322 | 1118.040 | 1118.040 | 0.000  |
| BE9        | 379865.025 | 3513134.915 | 1223.821 | 1223.850 | 0.029  |
| BE10       | 384855.765 | 3520338.263 | 1225.272 | 1225.270 | -0.002 |
| BE11       | 378247.416 | 3493794.221 | 1107.941 | 1107.910 | -0.031 |
| BE12       | 383067.835 | 3503702.124 | 1161.350 | 1161.340 | -0.010 |
| BE13       | 389051.049 | 3490293.838 | 1112.433 | 1112.450 | 0.017  |
| BE14       | 396670.844 | 3479536.673 | 1094.101 | 1094.090 | -0.011 |
| BE15       | 408302.608 | 3471731.405 | 1083.246 | 1083.250 | 0.004  |
| BE16       | 418505.671 | 3462196.972 | 1074.665 | 1074.720 | 0.055  |
| BE17       | 419925.519 | 3463464.184 | 1102.944 | 1102.920 | -0.024 |
| BE18       | 424972.143 | 3456262.662 | 1084.231 | 1084.200 | -0.031 |
| BE19       | 428604.963 | 3450813.472 | 1065.023 | 1065.000 | -0.023 |
| BE20       | 435296.953 | 3445685.643 | 1067.890 | 1067.850 | -0.040 |
|            |            |             |          |          |        |
| Average dz | 0.01 m     |             |          |          |        |

| Average dz       | 0.01 m   |
|------------------|----------|
| Minimum dz       | -0.040 m |
| Maximum dz       | 0.064 m  |
| Root Mean Square | 0.029 m  |
| 95% Confidence   | 0.058 m  |



#### Table 6. FVA - Bare Earth QA – Derived DEMs Classified (Units = Meters)

| Number     | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | LiDAR Z  | Dz     |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| BE1        | 348086.794 | 3541185.908 | 1154.474 | 1154.491 | 0.017  |
| BE2        | 345202.229 | 3539154.364 | 1154.176 | 1154.234 | 0.058  |
| BE3        | 350943.098 | 3531128.071 | 1197.942 | 1197.985 | 0.043  |
| BE4        | 346715.928 | 3528225.059 | 1145.059 | 1145.062 | 0.003  |
| BE5        | 353284.902 | 3520620.556 | 1149.512 | 1149.540 | 0.028  |
| BE6        | 363791.236 | 3532911.708 | 1251.822 | 1251.835 | 0.013  |
| BE7        | 362800.984 | 3517065.994 | 1135.974 | 1136.006 | 0.032  |
| BE8        | 372918.926 | 3506327.322 | 1118.040 | 1118.053 | 0.013  |
| BE9        | 379865.025 | 3513134.915 | 1223.821 | 1223.847 | 0.026  |
| BE10       | 384855.765 | 3520338.263 | 1225.272 | 1225.262 | -0.010 |
| BE11       | 378247.416 | 3493794.221 | 1107.941 | 1107.952 | 0.011  |
| BE12       | 383067.835 | 3503702.124 | 1161.350 | 1161.370 | 0.020  |
| BE13       | 389051.049 | 3490293.838 | 1112.433 | 1112.464 | 0.031  |
| BE14       | 396670.844 | 3479536.673 | 1094.101 | 1094.097 | -0.004 |
| BE15       | 408302.608 | 3471731.405 | 1083.246 | 1083.246 | 0.000  |
| BE16       | 418505.671 | 3462196.972 | 1074.665 | 1074.693 | 0.028  |
| BE17       | 419925.519 | 3463464.184 | 1102.944 | 1102.918 | -0.026 |
| BE18       | 424972.143 | 3456262.662 | 1084.231 | 1084.202 | -0.029 |
| BE19       | 428604.963 | 3450813.472 | 1065.023 | 1065.003 | -0.020 |
| BE20       | 435296.953 | 3445685.643 | 1067.890 | 1067.845 | -0.045 |
|            |            |             |          |          |        |
| Average dz | 0.01 m     | 1           |          |          |        |

| Average dz       | 0.01 m   |
|------------------|----------|
| Minimum dz       | -0.045 m |
| Maximum dz       | 0.058 m  |
| Root Mean Square | 0.027 m  |
| 95% Confidence   | 0.053 m  |



#### Table 7. SVA Brushland, Low Trees QA – Derived DEMs (Units = Meters)

| Number     | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | LiDAR Z  | Dz     |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| BLT1       | 348179.542 | 3541427.918 | 1155.536 | 1155.709 | 0.173  |
| BLT2       | 348355.156 | 3538194.829 | 1151.925 | 1152.348 | 0.422  |
| BLT3       | 351005.762 | 3531161.539 | 1199.636 | 1199.688 | 0.052  |
| BLT4       | 350849.329 | 3528186.781 | 1196.189 | 1196.327 | 0.138  |
| BLT5       | 353392.228 | 3520697.400 | 1152.953 | 1153.165 | 0.212  |
| BLT6       | 363767.720 | 3532839.943 | 1250.889 | 1250.990 | 0.101  |
| BLT7       | 360524.302 | 3518182.871 | 1234.654 | 1234.764 | 0.110  |
| BLT8       | 375966.435 | 3509329.674 | 1132.259 | 1132.555 | 0.296  |
| BLT09      | 380022.786 | 3512828.721 | 1222.720 | 1222.715 | -0.005 |
| BLT10      | 384669.370 | 3520310.348 | 1224.162 | 1224.328 | 0.166  |
| BLT11      | 382287.393 | 3502534.672 | 1132.267 | 1132.340 | 0.073  |
| BLT12      | 383317.957 | 3503677.080 | 1166.690 | 1166.753 | 0.063  |
| BLT13      | 389192.294 | 3490143.251 | 1110.973 | 1111.085 | 0.112  |
| BLT14      | 397368.077 | 3480211.750 | 1110.243 | 1110.290 | 0.047  |
| BLT15      | 409303.638 | 3471381.268 | 1083.870 | 1083.890 | 0.020  |
| BLT16      | 420415.381 | 3460649.243 | 1076.783 | 1076.867 | 0.084  |
| BLT17      | 419694.901 | 3463441.736 | 1099.676 | 1099.698 | 0.022  |
| BLT18      | 425349.917 | 3456068.092 | 1081.789 | 1081.803 | 0.014  |
| BLT19      | 429245.074 | 3452592.921 | 1075.064 | 1075.147 | 0.083  |
| BLT20      | 434134.633 | 3446687.886 | 1066.872 | 1066.981 | 0.109  |
|            |            |             |          |          |        |
| Average dz | 0 11 m     |             |          |          |        |

| Average dz       | 0.11 m   |
|------------------|----------|
| Minimum dz       | -0.005 m |
| Maximum dz       | 0.422 m  |
| Root Mean Square | 0.152 m  |
| 95th Percentile  | 0.302 m  |



#### Table 8. SVA Tall Weeds QA – Derived DEMs (Units = Meters)

| Number | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | LiDAR Z  | Dz     |
|--------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| TW1    | 348166.284 | 3541124.549 | 1154.322 | 1154.528 | 0.206  |
| TW2    | 345358.346 | 3538859.706 | 1153.615 | 1153.753 | 0.138  |
| TW3    | 349303.446 | 3530160.638 | 1150.143 | 1150.208 | 0.065  |
| TW4    | 346559.001 | 3528106.352 | 1144.518 | 1144.591 | 0.073  |
| TW5    | 353522.045 | 3520175.195 | 1138.626 | 1138.708 | 0.082  |
| TW6    | 368179.204 | 3532438.276 | 1194.787 | 1194.850 | 0.063  |
| TW7    | 362239.164 | 3515777.325 | 1127.130 | 1127.197 | 0.067  |
| TW8    | 372971.067 | 3505911.295 | 1117.715 | 1117.906 | 0.191  |
| TW9    | 380029.322 | 3513070.838 | 1223.819 | 1223.858 | 0.039  |
| TW10   | 384715.428 | 3520315.079 | 1224.445 | 1224.479 | 0.034  |
| TW11   | 378215.828 | 3494124.240 | 1108.851 | 1109.032 | 0.181  |
| TW12   | 381505.055 | 3503069.929 | 1123.655 | 1123.710 | 0.055  |
| TW13   | 389107.746 | 3490095.096 | 1108.717 | 1108.770 | 0.053  |
| TW14   | 396565.730 | 3479592.221 | 1093.192 | 1093.330 | 0.138  |
| TW15   | 409386.751 | 3471339.545 | 1083.270 | 1083.391 | 0.121  |
| TW16   | 418440.016 | 3462350.437 | 1074.926 | 1075.049 | 0.123  |
| TW17   | 423120.416 | 3468262.167 | 1180.942 | 1180.951 | 0.009  |
| TW18   | 424978.570 | 3456372.659 | 1085.395 | 1085.396 | 0.001  |
| TW19   | 428539.531 | 3450842.017 | 1064.993 | 1065.009 | 0.016  |
| TW20   | 434569.085 | 3446393.194 | 1067.320 | 1067.278 | -0.042 |
|        |            |             |          |          |        |
| A      | 0.00       |             |          |          |        |

| Average dz                  | 0.08 m   |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Minimum dz                  | -0.042 m |
| Maximum dz                  | 0.206 m  |
| Root Mean Square            | 0.152 m  |
| 95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile | 0.192 m  |



#### Table 9. SVA Urban Areas QA Points – Derived DEMs (Units – Meters)

| Number     | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | LiDAR Z  | Dz     |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| UA1        | 348276.156 | 3541595.878 | 1158.669 | 1158.674 | 0.005  |
| UA2        | 348411.543 | 3538781.420 | 1154.232 | 1154.285 | 0.052  |
| UA3        | 350944.814 | 3531076.526 | 1197.561 | 1197.696 | 0.135  |
| UA4        | 346231.583 | 3528150.495 | 1146.786 | 1146.787 | 0.001  |
| UA5        | 353483.740 | 3520552.407 | 1155.154 | 1155.180 | 0.026  |
| UA6        | 363873.488 | 3532882.464 | 1249.012 | 1249.005 | -0.006 |
| UA7        | 362767.421 | 3517045.269 | 1135.898 | 1135.883 | -0.015 |
| UA8        | 373050.142 | 3506525.886 | 1118.284 | 1118.259 | -0.025 |
| UA9        | 379623.587 | 3512853.073 | 1220.598 | 1220.622 | 0.024  |
| UA10       | 384798.740 | 3520278.257 | 1224.939 | 1224.894 | -0.045 |
| UA11       | 378268.311 | 3494161.148 | 1109.126 | 1109.096 | -0.030 |
| UA12       | 382770.365 | 3503644.460 | 1155.596 | 1155.659 | 0.063  |
| UA13       | 389042.530 | 3490225.941 | 1111.561 | 1111.544 | -0.017 |
| UA14       | 396481.539 | 3479785.446 | 1095.089 | 1095.104 | 0.015  |
| UA15       | 408503.287 | 3471562.793 | 1084.062 | 1084.120 | 0.058  |
| UA16       | 418638.464 | 3462068.908 | 1075.594 | 1075.600 | 0.006  |
| UA17       | 419838.159 | 3463360.240 | 1101.007 | 1100.985 | -0.022 |
| UA18       | 424787.984 | 3456410.530 | 1086.349 | 1086.355 | 0.006  |
| UA19       | 428171.570 | 3451038.422 | 1065.787 | 1065.783 | -0.004 |
| UA20       | 433502.071 | 3446846.076 | 1062.660 | 1062.625 | -0.035 |
|            |            |             |          |          |        |
| Average dz | 0.01 m     |             |          |          |        |

| Average dz       | 0.01 m   |
|------------------|----------|
| Minimum dz       | -0.045 m |
| Maximum dz       | 0.135 m  |
| Root Mean Square | 0.042 m  |
| 95th Percentile  | 0.066 m  |



#### Table 10. CVA for the 4 Classified Land Cover Classes (Units = Meters)

|        | 1          |             |          |          |        |
|--------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Number | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | Lidar Z  | Dz     |
| BE1    | 348086.794 | 3541185.908 | 1154.474 | 1154.491 | 0.017  |
| BE2    | 345202.229 | 3539154.364 | 1154.176 | 1154.234 | 0.058  |
| BE3    | 350943.098 | 3531128.071 | 1197.942 | 1197.985 | 0.043  |
| BE4    | 346715.928 | 3528225.059 | 1145.059 | 1145.062 | 0.003  |
| BE5    | 353284.902 | 3520620.556 | 1149.512 | 1149.540 | 0.028  |
| BE6    | 363791.236 | 3532911.708 | 1251.822 | 1251.835 | 0.013  |
| BE7    | 362800.984 | 3517065.994 | 1135.974 | 1136.006 | 0.032  |
| BE8    | 372918.926 | 3506327.322 | 1118.040 | 1118.053 | 0.013  |
| BE9    | 379865.025 | 3513134.915 | 1223.821 | 1223.847 | 0.026  |
| BE10   | 384855.765 | 3520338.263 | 1225.272 | 1225.262 | -0.010 |
| BE11   | 378247.416 | 3493794.221 | 1107.941 | 1107.952 | 0.011  |
| BE12   | 383067.835 | 3503702.124 | 1161.350 | 1161.370 | 0.020  |
| BE13   | 389051.049 | 3490293.838 | 1112.433 | 1112.464 | 0.031  |
| BE14   | 396670.844 | 3479536.673 | 1094.101 | 1094.097 | -0.004 |
| BE15   | 408302.608 | 3471731.405 | 1083.246 | 1083.246 | 0.000  |
| BE16   | 418505.671 | 3462196.972 | 1074.665 | 1074.693 | 0.028  |
| BE17   | 419925.519 | 3463464.184 | 1102.944 | 1102.918 | -0.026 |
| BE18   | 424972.143 | 3456262.662 | 1084.231 | 1084.202 | -0.029 |
| BE19   | 428604.963 | 3450813.472 | 1065.023 | 1065.003 | -0.020 |
| BE20   | 435296.953 | 3445685.643 | 1067.890 | 1067.845 | -0.045 |
| BLT1   | 348179.542 | 3541427.918 | 1155.536 | 1155.709 | 0.173  |
| BLT2   | 348355.156 | 3538194.829 | 1151.925 | 1152.348 | 0.422  |
| BLT3   | 351005.762 | 3531161.539 | 1199.636 | 1199.688 | 0.052  |
| BLT4   | 350849.329 | 3528186.781 | 1196.189 | 1196.327 | 0.138  |
| BLT5   | 353392.228 | 3520697.400 | 1152.953 | 1153.165 | 0.212  |
| BLT6   | 363767.720 | 3532839.943 | 1250.889 | 1250.990 | 0.101  |
| BLT7   | 360524.302 | 3518182.871 | 1234.654 | 1234.764 | 0.110  |
| BLT8   | 375966.435 | 3509329.674 | 1132.259 | 1132.555 | 0.296  |
| BLT09  | 380022.786 | 3512828.721 | 1222.720 | 1222.715 | -0.005 |
| BLT10  | 384669.370 | 3520310.348 | 1224.162 | 1224.328 | 0.166  |
| BLT11  | 382287.393 | 3502534.672 | 1132.267 | 1132.340 | 0.073  |
| BLT12  | 383317.957 | 3503677.080 | 1166.690 | 1166.753 | 0.063  |
| BLT13  | 389192.294 | 3490143.251 | 1110.973 | 1111.085 | 0.112  |
| BLT14  | 397368.077 | 3480211.750 | 1110.243 | 1110.290 | 0.047  |
| BLT15  | 409303.638 | 3471381.268 | 1083.870 | 1083.890 | 0.020  |
| BLT16  | 420415.381 | 3460649.243 | 1076.783 | 1076.867 | 0.084  |
| BLT17  | 419694.901 | 3463441.736 | 1099.676 | 1099.698 | 0.022  |
| BLT18  | 425349.917 | 3456068.092 | 1081.789 | 1081.803 | 0.014  |
| BLT19  | 429245.074 | 3452592.921 | 1075.064 | 1075.147 | 0.083  |
| BLT20  | 434134.633 | 3446687.886 | 1066.872 | 1066.981 | 0.109  |
| TW1    | 348166.284 | 3541124.549 | 1154.322 | 1154.528 | 0.206  |
| TW2    | 345358.346 | 3538859.706 | 1153.615 | 1153.753 | 0.138  |
| TW3    | 349303.446 | 3530160.638 | 1150.143 | 1150.208 | 0.065  |
| TW4    | 346559.001 | 3528106.352 | 1144.518 | 1144.591 | 0.073  |
| TW5    | 353522.045 | 3520175.195 | 1138.626 | 1138.708 | 0.082  |
| TW6    | 368179.204 | 3532438.276 | 1194.787 | 1194.850 | 0.063  |
| TW7    | 362239.164 | 3515777.325 | 1127.130 | 1127.197 | 0.067  |
| TW8    | 372971.067 | 3505911.295 | 1117.715 | 1117.906 | 0.191  |

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| Number     | Easting    | Northing    | Known Z  | LiDAR Z  | Dz     |
|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------|
| TW9        | 380029.322 | 3513070.838 | 1223.819 | 1223.858 | 0.039  |
| TW10       | 384715.428 | 3520315.079 | 1224.445 | 1224.479 | 0.034  |
| TW11       | 378215.828 | 3494124.240 | 1108.851 | 1109.032 | 0.181  |
| TW12       | 381505.055 | 3503069.929 | 1123.655 | 1123.710 | 0.055  |
| TW13       | 389107.746 | 3490095.096 | 1108.717 | 1108.770 | 0.053  |
| TW14       | 396565.730 | 3479592.221 | 1093.192 | 1093.330 | 0.138  |
| TW15       | 409386.751 | 3471339.545 | 1083.270 | 1083.391 | 0.121  |
| TW16       | 418440.016 | 3462350.437 | 1074.926 | 1075.049 | 0.123  |
| TW17       | 423120.416 | 3468262.167 | 1180.942 | 1180.951 | 0.009  |
| TW18       | 424978.570 | 3456372.659 | 1085.395 | 1085.396 | 0.001  |
| TW19       | 428539.531 | 3450842.017 | 1064.993 | 1065.009 | 0.016  |
| TW20       | 434569.085 | 3446393.194 | 1067.320 | 1067.278 | -0.042 |
| UA1        | 348276.156 | 3541595.878 | 1158.669 | 1158.674 | 0.005  |
| UA2        | 348411.543 | 3538781.420 | 1154.232 | 1154.285 | 0.052  |
| UA3        | 350944.814 | 3531076.526 | 1197.561 | 1197.696 | 0.135  |
| UA4        | 346231.583 | 3528150.495 | 1146.786 | 1146.787 | 0.001  |
| UA5        | 353483.740 | 3520552.407 | 1155.154 | 1155.180 | 0.026  |
| UA6        | 363873.488 | 3532882.464 | 1249.012 | 1249.005 | -0.006 |
| UA7        | 362767.421 | 3517045.269 | 1135.898 | 1135.883 | -0.015 |
| UA8        | 373050.142 | 3506525.886 | 1118.284 | 1118.259 | -0.025 |
| UA9        | 379623.587 | 3512853.073 | 1220.598 | 1220.622 | 0.024  |
| UA10       | 384798.740 | 3520278.257 | 1224.939 | 1224.894 | -0.045 |
| UA11       | 378268.311 | 3494161.148 | 1109.126 | 1109.096 | -0.030 |
| UA12       | 382770.365 | 3503644.460 | 1155.596 | 1155.659 | 0.063  |
| UA13       | 389042.530 | 3490225.941 | 1111.561 | 1111.544 | -0.017 |
| UA14       | 396481.539 | 3479785.446 | 1095.089 | 1095.104 | 0.015  |
| UA15       | 408503.287 | 3471562.793 | 1084.062 | 1084.120 | 0.058  |
| UA16       | 418638.464 | 3462068.908 | 1075.594 | 1075.600 | 0.006  |
| UA17       | 419838.159 | 3463360.240 | 1101.007 | 1100.985 | -0.022 |
| UA18       | 424787.984 | 3456410.530 | 1086.349 | 1086.355 | 0.006  |
| UA19       | 428171.570 | 3451038.422 | 1065.787 | 1065.783 | -0.004 |
| UA20       | 433502.071 | 3446846.076 | 1062.660 | 1062.625 | -0.035 |
|            |            |             |          |          |        |
| Average dz | 0.05 m     |             |          |          |        |
| Minimum dz | -0.045 m   |             |          |          |        |

0.422 m

0.095 m

0.192 m

Maximum dz

Root Mean Square

95<sup>th</sup> Percentile