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Exploration and Mining Industry Feedback on the USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (EarthMRI)

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The Colorado Geological Survey, in partnership with the United States Geological Survey, is conducting a national survey of mining and exploration professionals regarding the responsible development of our Nation's critical and strategic mineral resources. The United States remains heavily dependent on imports of mineral commodities vital to the Nation's economic and national security interests.

Our aim is to improve our understanding of the industry's current mindset, data needs, and general awareness of the EarthMRI program and its published datasets. USGS and state geological surveys will use the information provided to help guide public investment into mapping, sampling, and other data collection programs that are most valued by the exploration community, and which encourage private investment in the targeting of critical and strategic mineral resources domestically. Additionally, we hope to connect and open a dialogue with individuals and firms that may be further interested in partnering with the USGS or local state geological surveys to identify specific areas where public investment might further encourage private exploration activity.