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VIA U.S MAIL

Mr. Sud Menon
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Re: Migration of Web AppBuilder Grid Overlay Widget to Experience Builder

Dear Mr. Menon,

The United States National Grid (USNG) Institute (<https://usngi.org>) provides educational outreach and technical assistance to federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as commercial entities, to facilitate use of the USNG for scalable decision-making across sectors. Esri's support for the USNG has been instrumental in providing its users with capabilities to create maps and interactive applications that represent proper use of the grid, providing GIS support for emergency management, response, and recovery.

A key component of this support has been the "Grid Overlay Widget" in Web AppBuilder. This widget does an excellent job of displaying and labelling the grid properly at varying resolutions with configurable symbolization. However, it is our understanding that Web AppBuilder is being retired and there are currently no plans to migrate the Grid Overlay Widget to Experience Builder. We are deeply concerned about this development.

Implementing the USNG nationwide is an on-going effort, and we are making good progress. We appreciate Esri's role in supporting those efforts. Going forward, continued support and leadership by Esri are critical to providing appropriate GIS tools to enable Esri GIS users to implement the USNG. For that reason, the USNG Institute, in the strongest terms possible, respectfully requests that Esri migrate the Grid Overlay Widget to Experience Builder, or that you provide an equivalent capability within that framework.

Please contact me directly if you need additional information: 651-456-5411, chair@usngi.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephen D. Swazee Sr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Stephen D. Swazee Sr.
Chair