

Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP)

Participant Guide for Geographic Update

Partnership Software (GUPS) Standalone

GUPS Standalone Guide – Instructions for Participating in BBSP Using GUPS Standalone

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