

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary
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State of Idaho

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Gail Ewart	

3	Please select the answer that most closely describes your role in statewide GIS coordination.
Officially Recognized Statewide GIS Coordinator	

4	What is your job title?
State Geographic Information Officer	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Dept of Administration, State of Idaho	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
State CIO's Office	

11	Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Accomplishment 1.](#)
Strategic Plan for implementing a spatial data infrastructure for Idaho
[Accomplishment 2.](#)
Business Plan for same
[Accomplishment 3.](#)
Increase of one FTE to Idaho Geospatial Office

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)
Developing champions among senior management and elected officials.
[Goal 2.](#)
Identifying and beginning action for comprehensive legislation for Idaho's SDI, including stable funding
[Goal 3.](#)
Continuing to foster a sense of community and collaboration among all facets of the GIS community.

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)
Stable funding streams for data development and enterprise infrastructure and services
[Challenge 2.](#)
Regionalization tendencies
[Challenge 3.](#)
Sustained engagement by participating "volunteers"

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
Blending of fragmented road centerline data development into cohesive Framework effort
[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
Idaho Geospatial Forum - statewide community event designed to educate and further action on Idaho's SDI.
[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
2009 NAIP purchase by a diverse group of partners from all types of stakeholder groups.
[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
State land records reconciliation pilot project involving identification and resolution of three parcel databases (county, state lands agency and dept of administration)
[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)
Statewide strategic and business planning process involves all stakeholder groups during an entire year (and beyond, I hope).
[Cooperative Effort 6.](#)
Empty

15	Describe any significant data development activities, innovative applications, cost saving measures, contracts, etc. that are on-going or that you have begun over the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Activity 1.](#)
Road centerlines harvested weekly from county data stewards, integrated and served from our clearinghouse, INSIDE Idaho.
[Activity 2.](#)
Planning to enhance GCBD with updated survey control, partnering with surveyors and nationalcad.org.
[Activity 3.](#)
Beginning standards development for statewide parcel dataset with assessors and wide array of interested agencies and governments.
[Activity 4.](#)
Submitted proposal for Height Modernization program.
[Activity 5.](#)
Strategic and business planning work contracted to Croswell-Schulte IT Consultants, sponsored by FGDC/USGS.
[Activity 6.](#)
Year-long planning effort toward contracting with FSA for 2009 NAIP. IGO is the prime partner.

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
URL: http://www2.state.id.us/itmc/committees/igc.htm#Mission	

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
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URL:
<http://gis.idaho.gov>

18 Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.

URL:
<http://www2.state.id.us/itrc/committees.htm#IGC>

19 Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.

URL:
<http://www.insideidaho.org>

20 Is your Clearinghouse Node set up to be harvested by the GOS Portal?

Yes

21 Please provide the URL link to a list of GIS data stewards for your state.

No List Available

22 Please provide the URL link to your state GIS Personnel Classifications.

URL:
<http://www.dhr.idaho.gov/stateJobs/jobDescriptions.aspx?letter=G>

23 Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.

No State Data Distribution Policy

24 Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.

No Data Standards

Score Card for the fifty states initiative

1	Which of the following NSGIC Coordination Criteria are in effect in your state?						
	1 = We previously had this function and lost it over the past year						
	2 = No plans at this time for implementing this criteria						
	3 = We currently are planning to implement this within the next 12 to 18 months						
	4 = Progress has been made and we reasonably expect this to be fully implemented within the next 12 months						
	5 = Implemented at this time						
		Not Applicable	1	2	3	4	5
	1. A full-time, paid coordinator position is designated and has the authority to implement the state's business and strategic plans.	-	-	-	-	-	5
	2. A clearly defined authority exists for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production.	-	-	-	-	-	5
	3. The statewide coordination office has a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office).	-	-	-	-	-	5
4. A champion (politician or executive decision-maker) is aware and involved in the process of coordination.	-	-	-	-	-	5	
5. Responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse are assigned.	-	-	-	-	4	-	
6. The ability exists to work and coordinate with local governments, academia, and the private sector.	-	-	-	-	-	5	
7. Sustainable funding sources exist to meet projected needs.	-	-	-	3	-	-	
8. Coordinators have the authority to enter into contracts and become capable of receiving and expending funds.	-	1	-	-	-	-	
9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	-	-	-	-	4	-	

2 Please identify the stakeholder groups that participate on your GIS Coordination Council and their level of participation.

	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Cities and Towns	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Statewide City Organization	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Counties and Parishes	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Statewide County Organization	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Regional Government Organizations	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
State Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Tribal Governments	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Federal Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Utilities	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Academic (Colleges & Universities)	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Education (K-12)	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Private Sector (GIS Industry Vendors and Users)	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Business Community	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Surveying Community	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Non-Profit Organizations	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Public	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Local URISA Chapter	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Local ASPRS Chapter	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council

3	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.
URL: http://gis.idaho.gov	

4	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.
Under Development - Not Available at this Time	

5	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Marketing Plan for GIS.
No Marketing Plan Available	

6	Please provide the URL link to the Law or Executive Order that established your GIS Coordination Office and/or Council.
URL: http://gov.idaho.gov/mediacenter/execorders/eo06/eo_2006-05.htm	

7	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.
URL: http://www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/28051KTOC.html	

8	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.
URL: http://www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/28051KTOC.html	
9	Does your GIS Coordination Council have adequate funding to support its operation? (This refers only to the activities of the Council and not to your Coordination Office or projects like data development.)
Not Funded	
10	What fund sources does your Coordination Council use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
Not Applicable	
11	Does your GIS Council officially endorse the use of appropriate OGC, FGDC, ANSI or ISO standards as appropriate?
Yes	
12	Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?
No, but we actively support use of the Ramona System	
13	Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?
Other (please specify) We are working our way toward a common solution	
14	Does your GIS Council or State Coordination Office actively participate in The National Map?
Yes	

Hot Topics

1	Does your state have a shared Orthoimagery Program that involves local and state agencies?
Yes	
2	Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Orthoimagery Program?
No	
3	Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.
Not Applicable	
4	Does your state have a shared Road Centerline file project that involves local and state agencies?
Yes	
5	Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Road Centerline File program?
Other (please specify) Idaho was part of the pooled fund study led by WashDOT	
6	Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.
Not Applicable	
7	Does your state have a statewide (or multi-jurisdictional) address database? (pick one)
No	
8	Is this database based on individual addresses or address ranges? (pick one)
Not Applicable	
9	Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify this Address program? (pick one)
Not Applicable	
10	If applicable, please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study. (fill-in if applicable)

Role of State GIS Coordinators

1	Please choose the mechanism that created your position.
Governor's Executive Order	

2	Please provide the URL link for the document(s) that created your position (Legislation, Executive Order or Other Action).
Hard Copy Only	

3	Which choice most closely matches the title of your boss?
State Chief Information Officer	

4	What choice best describes how closely you are aligned with the State CIO?
Not Very Close, But Getting Closer	

5	Please select the number of staff that you supervise.
Less than 3	

6	Does your GIS Coordination Office have adequate funding to support its operation? (This refers only to the activities of your office and not to the Coordination Council, or projects like data development.)
Other (please specify) Very limited beyond the cost of 2 FTEs; small training/travel account shared with others	

7	What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
State General Funds Agency Contributions As Required Federal Grants	

8	When an administration change occurs following a statewide election is your position?
Not Likely to be Affected	

9	Please rank the importance of these characteristics/skills to the effective performance of your job.				
	Not Important	Not Very Important	Important	Very Important	Critical
GIS Evangelist/Cheerleader	-	-	-	Very Important	-
GIS Architect	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Political Savvy	-	-	-	-	Critical
Technological Savvy	-	-	Important	-	-
General Management Skills	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Procurement/Contracting Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
People Skills	-	-	-	-	Critical
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	-	Very Important	-