

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary
2008 State Summary
State of Kansas

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Ivan WEICHERT	

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 Systems Director	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Kansas Information Technology Office	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
Information Technology Agency	

11	Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Accomplishment 1.](#)
Completion and Implementation of the Strategic and Business Plan for Kansas GIS.

[Accomplishment 2.](#)
Statewide transportation dataset has been created and maintenance is now ongoing with nearly 50% of counties involved.

[Accomplishment 3.](#)
Increased involvement in state agency business planning and overall IT Strategies.

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)
Identify secure stable funding source for increased Data Access Center Operations.

[Goal 2.](#)
Continue development of the state / county relationships for data sharing, inventory adoption and coordination.

[Goal 3.](#)
Completion and implementation of production and maintenance strategies for the statewide taxation dataset.

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)
Securing adequate and stable funding from a broader statewide base for GIS development and data distribution across the enterprise.

[Challenge 2.](#)
Coordination of local data acquisition and sharing policies across local administrative boundaries.

[Challenge 3.](#)
Improving adoption of GIS resources among local and state emergency response organizations.

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
Significant success of GIS Team visiting each of our 105 Counties in Kansas to learn first hand of their capabilities, needs, and get them started using the NSGIC GIS Inventory system.

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
Funded reasearch and data acquisition to improve statewide land use / land cover mapping.

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
Coordinating with Health and Human Services Agencies to incorporate GIS technologies into their business planning.

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
Empty

[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)
Empty

[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.](#)
Empty

[Activity 2.](#)
Empty

[Activity 3.](#)
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[Activity 4.](#)
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[Activity 5.](#)
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[Activity 6.](#)
Empty

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
URL: http://www.da.ks.gov/gis	

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
URL: http://www.da.ks.gov/gis	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: http://www.da.ks.gov/gis	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: http://www.kansasgis.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.
Digital File Available by E-mail	
22	Please provide the URL link to your state GIS Personnel Classifications.
No Specific GIS Classifications	
23	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.
URL: http://www.kansasgis.org	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: http://www.kansasgis.org	

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.	-	-	-	-	4	-
	5. Responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse are assigned.	-	-	-	-	-	5
	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.	-	-	-	-	-	5
	8. Coordinators have the authority to enter into contracts and become capable of receiving and expending funds.	-	-	-	-	-	5
	9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	-	-	-	-	-	5

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

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

4 Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.	
URL:	http://www.da.ks.gov/gis

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

6 Please provide the URL link to the Law or Executive Order that established your GIS Coordination Office and/or Council.	
URL:	http://www.da.ks.gov/gis

7 Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.	
Not Applicable - No Law in Effect	

8 Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.	
URL:	http://da.ks.gov/itec

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.)
Other (please specify) currently seeking increased funding	
10	What fund sources does your Coordination Council use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
State General Funds Federal Grants	
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?
Yes - All Users	
13	Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?
Yes, but only for limited operational needs	
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?
No, but we plan to start one in the next 12 months	
2	Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Orthoimagery Program?
Other (please specify) Will use CBA from Imagery for the Nation	
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?
No	
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.
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Governor's Executive Order

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

Digital File Available by E-mail

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?

The CIO is My Boss

5 Please select the number of staff that you supervise.

6 to 10

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.)

Fully Funded

7 What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)

State General Funds
Agency Contributions As Required

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	-	-	-	-	Critical
GIS Architect	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Political Savvy	-	-	-	-	Critical
Technological Savvy	-	-	-	Very Important	-
General Management Skills	-	-	-	-	Critical
Procurement/Contracting Skills	-	-	-	-	Critical
People Skills	-	-	-	-	Critical
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	-	-	Critical