

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary
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 State of Mississippi

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Scott Samson	

3	Please select the answer that most closely describes your role in statewide GIS coordination.
Mississippi Geospatial Extension Specialist	

4	What is your job title?
Other (please specify) Extension Professor	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Mississippi State University	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
University or other Academic OrganizationMississippi Geospatial Extension Specialist	

11	Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Accomplishment 1.](#)
 Delivery of state-wide orthoimagery through cooperative efforts of state and federal agencies
[Accomplishment 2.](#)
 Standing up of our new clearinghouse
<http://www.gis.ms.gov>
[Accomplishment 3.](#)
 Integration of GIS into our State Emergency Management Agency [MEMA]

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)
 Business Plan
[Goal 2.](#)
 More local and regional participation (it has been good, but we want better)
[Goal 3.](#)
 Better overall coordination

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)
 development of sustained GIS funding
[Challenge 2.](#)
 Increasing GIS staffing on a state and local government level
[Challenge 3.](#)
 Bringing non-digital local government into the GIS world

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
 Processing of state-wide orthoimagery through state and federal funding sources
[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
 Development of LIDAR data through state and federal funding sources
[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
 Development of regional water/utility district w/ full GIS capabilities for the Gulf Coast area
[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
 Standing up of the new GIS portal/clearinghouse - state and local governmental involvement for requirements
[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.](#)
 Collection of 6" and 1' data over our coastal area
[Activity 2.](#)
 Development of a no-cost education and outreach program to assist city and county governments move into GIS applications
[Activity 3.](#)
 Development of city GIS users group through the Mississippi Municipal League
[Activity 4.](#)
 Collection of county-wide LIDAR data in multiple counties
[Activity 5.](#)
 Partnering with local 911 staff to geocode all structure w/in a county
[Activity 6.](#)
 Continued development of hydrographic data by state through FEMA funding

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

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
No State GIS Coordination Office	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
We Are Working on a Clearinghouse Node - Not Yet Available	
20	Is your Clearinghouse Node set up to be harvested by the GOS Portal?
Other (please specify) Pending	
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.
No Specific GIS Classifications	
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.
URL: http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov	

Score Card for the fifty states initiative

1	Which of the following NSGIC Coordination Criteria are in effect in your state?					
<p>1 = We previously had this function and lost it over the past year</p> <p>2 = No plans at this time for implementing this criteria</p> <p>3 = We currently are planning to implement this within the next 12 to 18 months</p> <p>4 = Progress has been made and we reasonably expect this to be fully implemented within the next 12 months</p> <p>5 = Implemented at this time</p>						
	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.	Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-
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.	-	-	-	-	-	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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
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.	-	-	-	-	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	-
Statewide City Organization	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on 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	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
State Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Tribal Governments	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Federal Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Utilities	-	-	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	-
Education (K-12)	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Private Sector (GIS Industry Vendors and Users)	Actively participates on our Council	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Business Community	Actively participates on our Council	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Surveying Community	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Non-Profit Organizations	Actively participates on our Council	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Public	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Local URISA Chapter	-	-	-
Local ASPRS Chapter	-	-	-

3	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.
No Strategic Plan Available	

4	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.
No Business Plan Available	

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.
Digital File Available by E-mail	

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://www.its.state.ms.us	

8	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.
URL: http://www.its.state.ms.us	

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)
State Bonds Federal Funds Appropriated in State Budget 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?
No	

14	Does your GIS Council or State Coordination Office actively participate in The National Map?
Other (please specify) Plan to do so	

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?
No, but we plan to start one in the next 12 months	

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)
No	

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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Legislation

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

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3 Which choice most closely matches the title of your boss?

Other (please specify)
State Economist

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.

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.)

Not Funded

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

State Bonds
State General Funds
State Special 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	-	-	Important	-	-
Political Savvy	-	-	-	-	Critical
Technological Savvy	-	-	-	Very Important	-
General Management Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
Procurement/Contracting Skills	-	Not Very Important	-	-	-
People Skills	-	-	-	-	Critical
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	-	-	Critical