

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary
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State of Nevada

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Ronald Hess	

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

4	What is your job title?
Other (please specify) Chief Information Officer	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology	

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

11	Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Accomplishment 1.](#)
Members of the Nevada State Mapping Advisory Committee funded NAIP for Nevada in 2006 and made it available to the public via the Keck Web Site (<http://keck.library.unr.edu>) in 2007.

[Accomplishment 2.](#)
We are continuing to grow and develop the Keck Web site which functions as a State depository for resource grade digital geographic data.

[Accomplishment 3.](#)
Nearing completion of a State-wide digital hydrography coverage.

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)
Plan for the next State-wide NAIP mission and work to obtain 4-band digital product.

[Goal 2.](#)
Complete large scale hydrography layer for Nevada.

[Goal 3.](#)
Work toward completion of large scale transportation layer for Nevada.

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)
Develop funding source for next State-wide NAIP mission.

[Challenge 2.](#)
Work toward the creation of a full time, funded, GIS coordination position for Nevada.

[Challenge 3.](#)
Obtain a full time, in-State, USGS Liaison officer.

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
Broad based funding assistance from various Federal, State, and local agencies in acquiring NAIP during 2006.

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
Empty

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
Empty

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
Empty

[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)
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[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.](#)
Empty

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

[Activity 6.](#)
Empty

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
URL: http://www.nbmq.unr.edu/smac/smac.htm	

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.nbmj.unr.edu/smac/smac.htm	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: http://keck.library.unr.edu/	
20	Is your Clearinghouse Node set up to be harvested by the GOS Portal?
Not Sure	
21	Please provide the URL link to a list of GIS data stewards for your state.
URL: http://www.nbmj.unr.edu/geoinfo/geoinfo.htm	
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.
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.	-	-	-	3	-	-
2. A clearly defined authority exists for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production.	-	-	-	3	-	-
3. The statewide coordination office has a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office).	-	-	-	3	-	-
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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
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.	-	-	-	-	-	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	-	-	-
Counties and Parishes	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Statewide County Organization	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Regional Government Organizations	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	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	Actively participates on our Council	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)	-	-	-
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	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Surveying Community	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Non-Profit Organizations	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Public	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	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.
Not Applicable - No Executive Order or Law Available	

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.
Not Applicable - No Law in Effect	

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)
Agency Contributions As Required Federal Grants	
11	Does your GIS Council officially endorse the use of appropriate OGC, FGDC, ANSI or ISO standards as appropriate?
Not Applicable	
12	Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?
No	
13	Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?
Yes for all applications	
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?
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)
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).
URL:	

3	Which choice most closely matches the title of your boss?
Other (please specify) State Geologist/Director Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology	

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

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.)
Not Funded	

7	What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
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	-	-	Important	-	-
Political Savvy	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Technological Savvy	-	-	Important	-	-
General Management Skills	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Procurement/Contracting Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
People Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	-	Very Important	-