

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary  
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State of Rhode Island

## Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Paul Jordan	

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 Coordinator	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Administration/Planning/RIGIS	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
Department of Planning	

11	Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Accomplishment 1.](#)

Reinstated annual in-state GIS conference

[Accomplishment 2.](#)

Developed business plan element for GIS Enterprise within state agencies

[Accomplishment 3.](#)

Enhancing and maintaining the RIGIS Database

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)

Implementing enterprise architecture structure for GIS within state government agencies

[Goal 2.](#)

Coordinating a geospatial imagery effort throughout the state

[Goal 3.](#)

Creating a central state GIS data repository for use within state government

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)

Identifying educating a champion for GIS efforts in the state.

[Challenge 2.](#)

Obtaining a sustainable funding source

[Challenge 3.](#)

Creating and sustaining a personnel career structure within the state at both the state and municipal levels.

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)

Continued the state coordination effort through participation in the RIGIS Executive Committee

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)

Worked with US Census on assisting the 2010 census by providing RIGIS roads and building site/address data

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)

Worked with USGS in developing a business plan element for an enterprise GIS within state government as part of 50 States Initiative

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)

Continued working with USDA/NRCS and NOAA on a mapping effort in Narragansett Bay and RI coastal ponds project.

[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)

Continued cooperation with USDOT and FHWA through RIDOT projects

[Cooperative Effort 6.](#)

Continued joint efforts between state and municipal governments in supporting mutual GIS efforts throughout the state.

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.](#)

Development of a statewide Land Cover Land Use geodatabase(RI Statewide Planning Program)

[Activity 2.](#)

Continued development of road and building site data for RI E911 and public safety use (RI E(911)).

[Activity 3.](#)

Remodeled RIGIS web site went on line at [www.edc.rui.edu/rigis](http://www.edc.rui.edu/rigis)

[Activity 4.](#)

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[Activity 5.](#)

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[Activity 6.](#)

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16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
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URL:

<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html>

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
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URL: <a href="http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html">http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html</a>	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: <a href="http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html">http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html</a>	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: <a href="http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis">http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis</a>	
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.
Hard Copy Only	
23	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.
URL: <a href="http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html">http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html</a>	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: <a href="http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html">http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/default.html</a>	

## 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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
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.	-	-	-	3	-	-
8. Coordinators have the authority to enter into contracts and become capable of receiving and expending funds.	-	-	2	-	-	-
9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	-	-	2	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
Statewide County Organization	-	-	-
Regional Government Organizations	-	-	-
State Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Tribal Governments	-	-	-
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)	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
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	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on 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.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/docs/defaults.html>

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.  
 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.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/defaults.html>

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.rilin.state.ri.us/gen\\_assembly/genmenu](http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/gen_assembly/genmenu)

8 Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.  
 URL:  
[http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/gen\\_assembly/genmenu.html](http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/gen_assembly/genmenu.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)  
 Some funding from data distribution cost recovery

11 Does your GIS Council officially endorse the use of appropriate OGC, FGDC, ANSI or ISO standards as appropriate?

Other (please specify) some
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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?
Other (please specify) Will be working toward that	

## Hot Topics

1	Does your state have a shared Orthoimagery Program that involves local and state agencies?
Other (please specify) No set Program - We actively share all available federal and state imagery through the RIGIS system	

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)

9	Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify this Address program? (pick one)

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.
Agency Administrative Decision	

2	Please provide the URL link for the document(s) that created your position (Legislation, Executive Order or Other Action).
No Statutory Authority, Executive Order, or Other Action	

3	Which choice most closely matches the title of your boss?
State Department/Agency Division Director	

4	What choice best describes how closely you are aligned with the State CIO?
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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.)

Partially Funded

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

State General Funds  
Federal Grants  
Some funding from data distribution cost recovery

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	-	-	Important	-	-
Technological Savvy	-	-	Important	-	-
General Management Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
Procurement/Contracting Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
People Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	Important	-	-