

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary  
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State of Vermont

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
David Brotzman	

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?
Other (please specify) Executive Director	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Vermont Center for Geographic Information, Inc.	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
State Non-Profit 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.](#)

Continued movement towards a Statewide Enterprise GIS in the State government environment

[Accomplishment 2.](#)

Year 2 of statewide Critical Facility data collection that is fully integrated with the state's GPS'd E911 data.

[Accomplishment 3.](#)

Increased sharing of geospatial resources.

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

Establishment of more formal geospatial data, application and general resource sharing agreements.

[Goal 2.](#)

Completion of our USGS 50 States grant and the creation of a Strategic and Business Plan for the State's geospatial community.

[Goal 3.](#)

Increase the number and quality of spatial resources available to the Agencies

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

Communication

[Challenge 2.](#)

Establishing statewide geospatial data collection priorities that are supported by the majority.

[Challenge 3.](#)

Increasing awareness of the geospatial tools and resources that are available.

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

Shared funding of Orthophotography with USGS.

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)

Participation in the USGS 50 States Initiative

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)

The critical facility data reciprocity arrangement with TGS and DHS.

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)

Empty

[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)

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[Cooperative Effort 6.](#)

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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 1/3 of the state in updated 1:5,000 b/w orthophotography.

[Activity 2.](#)

An agreement with the state's Homeland Security Unit, Emergency Management Office and the Regional Planning Committes to create a substantial database of Emergency Management support data.

[Activity 3.](#)

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[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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17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/">http://www.vcgi.org/</a>	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=../bod/default_content.cfm">http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=../bod/default_content.cfm</a>	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/">http://www.vcgi.org/</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.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/">http://www.vcgi.org/</a>	
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.vcgi.org/dataware/">http://www.vcgi.org/dataware/</a>	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/techres/?page=../standards/default_content.cfm">http://www.vcgi.org/techres/?page=../standards/default_content.cfm</a>	

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

3	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=../documents/default_content.cfm">http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=../documents/default_content.cfm</a>	

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.
URL: <a href="http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=../documents/enabling_legislation.cfm">http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=../documents/enabling_legislation.cfm</a>	

7	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.
Hard Copy Only	

8	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.
Hard Copy Only	

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 Applicable	

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?
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No, but we actively support use of the Ramona System
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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?
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) I don't know	

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)
Yes	

8	Is this database based on individual addresses or address ranges? (pick one)
Individual addresses	

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.
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) VCGI is a state, non-profit corporation	

4	What choice best describes how closely you are aligned with the State CIO?
Very Close	

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

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 Special Funds Membership Fees Federal Grants Contracts and Grants with State and Federal Agencies	

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