

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

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
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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) State Geographic Information Technology Coordinator	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
WA State Department of Information Services	

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.](#)

Authorizing environment adopted Conceptual Architecture for deployment of GIT across state agencies. GIT architecture is anchored in WA States' Enterprise Architecture initiative

[Accomplishment 2.](#)

Through multi-organization approach achieved funding to enable 18' color orthoimage for state resulting in first standardized single season coverage for WA State

[Accomplishment 3.](#)

WATrans launches pilot projects to: test WATrans database as a source for integrated geospatial transportation data and, develop tools for collecting best data available from multiple sources

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

Fund and implement a state GIT Portal

[Goal 2.](#)

Develop cost effective distribution mechanism for statewide orthoimagery

[Goal 3.](#)

Implement state master agreement for GIS software

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

Lack of sustainable GIT funding source

[Challenge 2.](#)

Local, federal or tribal organizations have difficulty partnering with Washington state agencies when agencies act as individual organizations rather than as a collaborative GIT enterprise

[Challenge 3.](#)

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

2006 WA/NAIP Orthoimagery Program

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)

WA Trans pilots

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)

PNW Hydrology Initiative

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)

PNW Regional GI Council

[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.](#)

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[Activity 2.](#)

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[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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URL: http://wagic.wa.gov/about/	
17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: metadata.gis.washington.edu/	
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://wagic.wa.gov/Framework/	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: http://isb.wa.gov/committee.aspx	

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.	-	-	-	-	4	-
	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.	-	-	-	-	-	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	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Counties and Parishes	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Statewide County Organization	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Regional Government Organizations	-	-	-
State Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Tribal Governments	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Federal Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Utilities	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Academic (Colleges & Universities)	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Education (K-12)	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Private Sector (GIS Industry Vendors and Users)	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
General Business Community	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Surveying Community	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Non-Profit Organizations	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Public	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Local URISA Chapter	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Local ASPRS Chapter	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council

3 Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov/plan04/GIT%20072604.pdf

4 Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov/plan04/GIT%20072604.pdf

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://wagic.wa.gov/Techstds/isbgitv2_charter.doc

7 Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.
URL: isb.wa.gov/policies/portfolio/805R.doc

8	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.
URL: http://isb.wa.gov/policies/security.aspx	
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.)
Partially Funded	
10	What fund sources does your Coordination Council use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
voluntary membership funding	
11	Does your GIS Council officially endorse the use of appropriate OGC, FGDC, ANSI or ISO standards as appropriate?
Other (please specify) Yes through GIT EA initiative	
12	Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?
Yes - Government Users Only	
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?
Other (please specify) http://wagic.wa.gov/2006%20WA_NAIP/wa_naip_index.htm	
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?
Other (please specify) http://wagic.wa.gov/Framework/Default.htm	
5	Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Road Centerline File program?
Yes	
6	Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.
URL: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/transframework/default.htm	
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).				
URL:					
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.				
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)				
Agency Contributions As Required voluntary membership funding					
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	-	-	Important	-	-
GIS Architect	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Political Savvy	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Technological Savvy	-	-	Important	-	-
General Management Skills	-	-	Important	-	-
Procurement/Contracting Skills	-	Not Very Important	-	-	-
People Skills	-	-	-	Very Important	-
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	-	Very Important	-