

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary
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 State of West Virginia

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Katherine Kapo	

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.
WV Office of GIS Coordinator, WV Geological and Economic Survey	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
Department of Commerce or Economic Development	

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

Re-activation of WV GIS Policy Council, WV GIS Coordinator position filled in April, establishment of Office of Coordinator website

[Accomplishment 2.](#)

Formal evaluation and modernization of a State GIS Steering Committee, official recognition and incorporation of a non-profit state GIS professionals organization in state coordination, formal link created between state GIS entities and state IT Council

[Accomplishment 3.](#)

Increased utilization, awareness and interest for geospatial technology in state agencies including distributed data/services and custom web mapping applications

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

Development and initial implementation of State GIS Strategic Plan

[Goal 2.](#)

Advocacy for increased geospatial awareness at the executive and legislative levels to compliment initiation and enhancement of geospatial programs and activities

[Goal 3.](#)

Successful implementation of formal state coordination structure and activities, achieve more formal integration of geospatial functions with State information technology functions and policies

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

Completion of Statewide Addressing Project

[Challenge 2.](#)

Development of formal and efficient workflows and protocol between state geospatial entities and State Office of Technology

[Challenge 3.](#)

Development of cost-sharing strategies for statewide orthoimagery acquisition

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

Cost-sharing partnership between USGS, NGA, and state agencies recently established for urban corridor orthoimagery acquisition

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)

FEMA flood map modernization

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)

Homeland security critical dataset development with participation from local, state, and regional data stewards and stakeholders

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)

Local resolution NHD pilot project with USGS (1:24K to 1:4800 conflation)

[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)

WV Department of Environmental Protection and U.S. Office of Surface Mining geospatial data-exchange program

[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.](#)

WV evaluation of new-generation USGS topo maps

[Activity 2.](#)

Local resolution NHD

[Activity 3.](#)

Web mapping applications for transportation and economic development business site selection under development by WV Development Office and WV Port Authority

[Activity 4.](#)

Continuation of Statewide Addressing and Mapping Program for E9-1-1

[Activity 5.](#)

Critical infrastructure dataset development

[Activity 6.](#)

FEMA DFIRMs

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
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URL:
[http://www.gis.wv.gov/steering \(state\)](http://www.gis.wv.gov/steering(state)), <http://www.wvagg.org>

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
URL: http://www.gis.wv.gov	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: http://www.gis.wv.gov/steering (state) , http://www.wvaggp.org	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: http://wvgis.wvu.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.
URL: http://wvgis.wvu.edu/stateactivities/activities.html	
22	Please provide the URL link to your state GIS Personnel Classifications.
URL: http://www.state.wv.us/admin/personnel/clascomp/compindx/comp_g.htm	
23	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.
URL: http://www.wvgis.wvu.edu/stateactivities/activities.html	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: http://wvgis.wvu.edu/stateactivities/activities.html	

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.	-	-	-	-	4	-
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).	-	-	-	-	4	-
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.	-	-	-	-	-	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.	-	-	-	-	-	5

9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	-	-	-	-	-	5
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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	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Statewide City Organization	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Counties and Parishes	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Statewide County Organization	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Regional Government Organizations	-	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	-	-	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	-	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)	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
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	-	-	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	Invited to participate in general meetings of 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	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of 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.
Under Development - Not Available at this Time	

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://wvqgis.wvu.edu/stateactivities/giscouncil/Executive_Order_4-93.pdf	

7	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.
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URL:
<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/masterfrm3Banner.cfm>

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

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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.)

Other (please specify)
Dependent on individual agency funding for representation

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

Agency Contributions As Required
Membership Fees
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?

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?

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

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

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)

Yes

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

Both

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.
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:
http://wvgis.wvu.edu/stateactivities/giscouncil/Executive_Order_4-93.pdf

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

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.
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.)
Fully Funded

7 What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
State General Funds
State Special Funds
Agency Contributions As Required
Federal Funds Appropriated in State Budget
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	-	-	-	-	Critical
Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers	-	-	-	-	Critical