

National States Geographic Information Council 2008 State Summary
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 State of California

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Michael Byrne	

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) eServices Policy Manager	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
California Department of Public Health	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
Department of Health or Human Services	

11	Describe your state's top three geospatial accomplishments during the past year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Accomplishment 1.](#)
Approved California GIS Strategic Plan
[Accomplishment 2.](#)
Approved Imagery Business Plan and Best Practices
[Accomplishment 3.](#)
Held a State GIS Executive Event

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)
Approve, create and appoint a State Geographic Information Officer for California
[Goal 2.](#)
Secure State Homeland Security funding to develop state GIS enterprise infrastructure capacity
[Goal 3.](#)
Expand GIS council activities to provide support and governance to this new GIO

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)
Obtaining state executive sponsorship
[Challenge 2.](#)
Establish state GIO w/adequate funding and staff
[Challenge 3.](#)
Expand and coordinate role of regional GIS cooperatives or councils

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
Established interagency working group for comments on the US Department of Homeland Security data model.
[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
Strong collaboration among key state agencies in support of GIS council
[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
Established a working group for homeland security coordination between the California Council, the 4 CA fusion centers, and regional collaboratives.
[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
Continued strong regional GIS collaborations over most of state. Regional collaboratives have local, regional, state and federal representation.
[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)
Continued close working relationship between defacto 'GIO' and state CIO
[Cooperative Effort 6.](#)
Strong partnership between several state agencies resulted in enterprise GIS software & hardware contracts

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.](#)
Established state Master Services Agreement (MSA) for GIS products and services. Working on an MSA for data acquisition.
[Activity 2.](#)
State developing enterprise computing architecture. CIO recognized as an official office of the State Cabinet in law.
[Activity 3.](#)
Established a working group for homeland security coordination between the California Council, the 4 CA fusion centers, and regional collaboratives.
[Activity 4.](#)
Stewardship announced for National Hydrographic Dataset.
[Activity 5.](#)
Legislation signed for standards and mapping development of statewide vegetation.
[Activity 6.](#)
Empty

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
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URL:
http://gis.ca.gov/council/docs/Revised_GIS_Council_Charter_V6a.rtf

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://gis.ca.gov/council/	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: http://gis.ca.gov/catalog/	
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.
URL: http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/spbpayrd.htm	
23	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.
URL: http://gis.ca.gov/	
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).	-	-	-	-	4	-
4. A champion (politician or executive decision-maker) is aware and involved in the process of coordination.	-	-	-	3	-	-
5. Responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse are assigned.	-	-	-	3	-	-
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.	-	-	-	3	-	-
9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	-	-	-	3	-	-

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	-	-
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	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
State Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on 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	-
Utilities	-	-	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	-
Education (K-12)	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Private Sector (GIS Industry Vendors and Users)	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
General Business Community	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Surveying Community	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of 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	-	-	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.	
URL:	http://gio.ca.gov/docs/State_GIS_Strategic_Plan_v2a.pdf

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.	
URL:	http://www.dof.ca.gov/OTROS/StatewideIT/StatewideIT.asp

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

URL:
<http://www.dof.ca.gov/OTROS/StatewideIT/StatewideIT.asp>

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)
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 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?
No

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)
No

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.
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?
Other (please specify) GIS Architect within a Department, acting as Council Chair on behalf of a Cabinet member	

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.)
Partially Funded	

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

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