

National States Geographic Information Council 2009 State Summary
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 State of Georgia

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Eric McRae	

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?
Division Director	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
University of Georgia	

6	Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.
University or other Academic 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.](#)
 Completed "Fifty States Initiative" Cap Grant

[Accomplishment 2.](#)
 Continued process of establishing a statewide contracting mechanism for GIS software

[Accomplishment 3.](#)
 Engaged larger user community including Governor's office, agencies and end users in focusing state efforts

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

[Goal 2.](#)
 Finalize Master Agreement for GIS Software

[Goal 3.](#)
 Formalize standards for Statewide GIS datasets

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

[Challenge 2.](#)
 Intergovernmental coordination. A continuing challenge for the State is coordinating the successes of the local government GIS programs with those of State agencies and our federal partners.

[Challenge 3.](#)
 Interagency coordination. With so many mandates to collect information coming down to the state agencies many are finding it difficult not to be replicating information.

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
 Coordination with the USGS, NOAA, FEMA and Local and State agencies on the capture of LIDAR on the Coast of Georgia.

[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
 Georgia is finalizing the process to start NHD stewardship between USGS and Georgia Department on Natural Resources

[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
 Coordination with FSA to fly 1 meter statewide aerial photography in summer of 2009.

[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
 Empty

[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)
 Empty

[Cooperative Effort 6.](#)
 Empty

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.](#)
 Establishment of State Demography Center which is a partnership with the state's Office of Planning and Budget, will provide a regularly updated, consistent, and objective set of population and employment data useful for state and local government budget planning

[Activity 2.](#)
 Working towards establishment of an enterprise contract for procurement of GIS software.

[Activity 3.](#)
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[Activity 4.](#)
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[Activity 5.](#)
 Empty

[Activity 6.](#)
 Empty

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
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URL:
http://www.geogiaspatial.org/?page_id=550

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://www.georgiaspatial.org/?page_id=379	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: http://data.georgiaspatial.org	
20	Is your Clearinghouse Node set up to be harvested by the GOS Portal?
Other (please specify) Not yet. We are working towards it this year.	
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.
No Specific GIS Classifications	
23	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.
No State Data Distribution Policy	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: http://www.georgiaspatial.org/?page_id=94	

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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
2. A clearly defined authority exists for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production.	-	-	2	-	-	-
3. The statewide coordination office has a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office).	-	-	2	-	-	-
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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
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.	Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-
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.	-	-	-	-	4	-

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	-	-	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	-
State Agencies	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Tribal Governments	-	-	-
Federal Agencies	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Utilities	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
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	-	-	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	-	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	-
Local ASPRS Chapter	-	-	-

3	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.
URL: http://www.georgiaspatial.org/?page_id=92	

4	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.
URL: http://www.georgiaspatial.org/?page_id=92	

5	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Marketing Plan for GIS.
No Marketing Plan Available	

6	Under what authority was your State Council created?
Voluntary/Informal Council	

7	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	

8	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	

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

10	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	

11	What fund sources does your Coordination Council use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
Not Applicable	

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

13	Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?
Yes - All Users	

14	Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?
Yes for all applications	

15	Does your GIS Council or State Coordination Office actively participate in The National Map?
No	

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?
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)

11	Please tell us who was identified as the designated entity to apply for grant funds to map broadband access in your state.
CIO/Technology Department	

Role of State GIS Coordinators

1	Please choose the mechanism that created your position.
Action of Coordination Council	

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?
Not Very Close	

5	Please select the number of staff that you supervise.
More than 15	

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.)
Not Funded	

7	What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
Not Applicable	

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