

National States Geographic Information Council 2009 State Summary
2009 State Summary
State of Maine

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Michael Smith	

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 GIS Manager	

5	Enter the name of your agency/organization.
Maine Office of GIS	

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.](#)
Completion of Strategic Plan developed in the statewide coordinating organization.
[Accomplishment 2.](#)
Completion of integrated land records information system specification.
[Accomplishment 3.](#)
Migration of imagery from proprietary database to OGC web mapping services.

12	Describe your state's top three geospatial goals for the coming year. (200 character limit per line)
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[Goal 1.](#)
Lidar for New England collaboration.
[Goal 2.](#)
Broadband mapping.
[Goal 3.](#)
Development of statewide cadastral data.

13	Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)
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[Challenge 1.](#)
Funding in a declining budget and the marketing of GIS to budget decision makers.
[Challenge 2.](#)
Political infighting between towns and counties and state regarding cadastral data and land records.
[Challenge 3.](#)
Lack of technology in rural communities in most of Maine.

14	Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)
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[Cooperative Effort 1.](#)
Lidar for New England is a regional effort with federal, state, local, and nonprofit support.
[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
GIS training development between the state, feds, and universities.
[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
Conflation of roads data between Maine DOT and Maine E911.
[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.](#)
The migration of imagery serving from proprietary database (ArcSDE and Oracle) to open-source (MapServer and WMS) has saved us \$110,000 per year.
[Activity 2.](#)
Regional lidar is innovative in its approach to multi-state data collection and interagency coordination.
[Activity 3.](#)
[Empty](#)
[Activity 4.](#)
[Empty](#)
[Activity 5.](#)
[Empty](#)
[Activity 6.](#)
[Empty](#)

16	Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.
URL: http://www.maine.gov/geolib/Policies/AdoptedMissionVision.htm	

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
URL: http://megis.maine.gov	
18	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.
URL: http://www.maine.gov/geolib	
19	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.
URL: http://megis.maine.gov	
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://megis.maine.gov	
22	Please provide the URL link to your state GIS Personnel Classifications.
URL: http://www.maine.gov/bhr	
23	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS data distribution policies.
URL: http://megis.maine.gov	
24	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Data Standards.
URL: http://megis.maine.gov	

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.	-	-	-	-	-	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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
	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.	-	-	2	-	-	-
	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	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 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	-	-	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	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Utilities	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges 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	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Non-Profit Organizations	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 Public	Actively participates on our Council	Has an official 'seat' or voting privileges on our Council	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://www.maine.gov/geolib	

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	Under what authority was your State Council created?
Legislation	

7	Please provide the URL link to the Law or Executive Order that established your GIS Coordination Office and/or Council.
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URL:
<http://www.maine.gov/geolib>

8 Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.
Not Applicable - No Law in Effect

9 Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.
Not Applicable - No Law in Effect

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)
State Bonds

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?
No

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

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)
Address ranges

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)

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

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).
Digital File Available by E-mail

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?
Very Close

5 Please select the number of staff that you supervise.
6 to 10

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