

National States Geographic Information Council 2009 State Summary
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 State of Washington

Background Information

1	Please Choose the primary contact
Joy Paulus	

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.
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.](#)
 Governance and Stewardship:
 1) The ISB's Committee on Geographic Information Technology represents the strategic interest of a coordinated, enterprise approach to utilizing geographic information technology solutions. The GIT updated its Charter to revision to the Charter to address membership, add a process for voting and non-voting members, and provide clarification on administration and duties.
 2) Incorporated GIS specific goals and objective into the WA State Strategic IT Plan
 3) Established the formal governance structure and stewardship for statewide orthoimagery framework data and Orthoimagery Portal Operations.

[Accomplishment 2.](#)
 Data Creation/Acquisition:
 1) Statewide parcels dataset for WA established and beginning the first update process.
 2) Through a multi-organizational approach, acquired the funding needed to participate in statewide 2009 NAIP data acquisition at 1 meter resolution.
 3) Hydrography Framework Project is the cooperative effort to define, implement, and maintain a single high resolution hydrography network in Washington. Participated in a multi-agency pilot test of the NHD data model in 2 watersheds.

[Accomplishment 3.](#)
 WATrans pilot projects are completed and the project has moved into phased production. The WATrans database is the source for integrated geospatial transportation data and consists of tools for the collection of the 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.](#)
 Complete the update of the GIS Strategic Plan and first ever Business Plan for Washington
[Goal 2.](#)
 Obtain the funding needed to establish an enterprise shared services infrastructure
[Goal 3.](#)
 Complete the migration of the states metadata clearinghouse to the Geo Portal Toolkit so that it will be easier load metadata and list services.

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 GIS 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.](#)
 2009 WA/NAIP Orthoimagery Program
[Cooperative Effort 2.](#)
 WA Trans Phased Production Rollout
[Cooperative Effort 3.](#)
 PNW/NHD Hydrography Initiative
[Cooperative Effort 4.](#)
 GIS Strategic and Business Planning
[Cooperative Effort 5.](#)
 Statewide Parcels Workgroup
[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.](#)
 Information Services Board (ISB) endorsed the GIT Conceptual Enterprise Architecture. A priority objective of the Conceptual Architecture was to use an enterprise approach to manage certain large geographic datasets such as the 2006 Washington State/National Agriculture Imagery Program (WA/NAIP) data. The current lack of an enterprise approach results in redundant investments in hardware, software, and storage; and promotes non-standardized data. With the failure to procure funding GIT member agencies decided to scale back the concept of a shared GIS data portal and jointly fund the WA Imagery Data Portal. This portal provides public access to imagery and various agency only data services
[Activity 2.](#)
 Broadband Mapping
[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.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov/about/	

17	Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.
URL: http://isb.wa.gov/committees/wagic/index.aspx	

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: http://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.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov/	

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://wagic.wa.gov/Techstds2/standards_index.htm	

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.	-	-	-	-	-	5

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.	-	-	-	-	4	-
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.
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	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	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	-	-
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	-	-
Tribal Governments	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Federal Agencies	Actively participates on our Council	-	-
Utilities	-	-	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council
Academic (Colleges & Universities)	Actively participates on 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	-	-
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.
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URL:
http://wagic.wa.gov/plan03/2003_plan_update3.htm

4	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.
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Under Development - Not Available at this Time

5	Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Marketing Plan for GIS.
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Under Development - Not Available at this Time

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.
URL: http://wagic.wa.gov/ByLaws_Ammended_April_3_2008.htm	
8	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.
URL: http://isb.wa.gov/policies.aspx	
9	Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to data security issues.
URL: http://isb.wa.gov/policies.aspx	
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.)
Partially Funded	
11	What fund sources does your Coordination Council use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)
voluntary membership funding	
12	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	
13	Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?
Yes - Government Users Only	
14	Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?
Yes, but only for limited operational needs	
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?
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?
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)
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.
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)
State General Funds 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	-	-	-	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	-	-	-	-	Critical