

**1. Please provide the following information.**

1. Please Select Your Jurisdiction.

Mississippi

2. Please enter your name as indicated below.

Last Name - Knox  
First Name - S.  
Middle Initial - Cragin

3. Please select the answer that most closely describes your role in statewide GIS coordination.

Other (please specify below) - Administrator, GIS Coordinating Council

4. What is your job title?

Other (please specify) - Administrator, GIS Coordinating Council

5. Enter the name of your agency/organization.

MS Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems

6. Please select the answer that best describes the affiliation of your office/agency in state government.

State Geological Survey

7. Please provide your address information.

Address Line 1: - P. O. Box 20307  
Address Line 2: - Empty  
Mail Stop or Other Code: - Empty  
Street Number and Name: - Empty

City: - Jackson  
State: - MS  
Zip Code: - 39289

8. Enter your complete telephone number with area code. (Please use this format 410-544-2005)

601-961-5086

9. Enter your complete FAX number with area code. (Please use this format 410-544-4064)

601-961-55212

10. Enter your complete E-mail address.

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

- Accomplishment 1. - Collection of state-wide orthoimagery through cooperative efforts of state and federal agencies
- Accomplishment 2. - Collection of LIDAR in multiple counties through cooperative efforts of local, state, and federal government funding
- Accomplishment 3. - Implementation of MCCRSGIS Data Acquisition Coordination web site

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

- Goal 1. - Implementation of new state GIS portal/clearinghouse
- Goal 2. - Completion of processing and distribution of new state-wide orthoimagery
- Goal 3. - Collection of new LIDAR data in the Mississippi Delta

13. Describe the three most significant geospatial challenges for your state. (200 character limit per line)

- Challenge 1. - development of sustained GIS funding
- Challenge 2. - Increasing GIS staffing on a state and local government level
- Challenge 3. - Bringing non-digital local government into the GIS world

14. Describe any significant cooperative efforts with federal, state or local partners. (200 character limit per line)

- Cooperative Effort 1. - Processing of state-wide orthoimagery through state and federal funding sources
- Cooperative Effort 2. - Development of LIDAR data through state and federal funding sources
- Cooperative Effort 3. - Development of regional water/utility district w/ full GIS capabilities for the Gulf Coast area
- Cooperative Effort 4. - Development of the new GIS portal/clearinghouse - state and local governmental involvement
- Cooperative Effort 5. - State, federal, and local governmental efforts in Katrina recovery efforts - major GIS components
- Cooperative Effort 6. - Development of road centerlines off the new state-wide orthoimagery - involves MDOT and local government

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)

- Activity 1. - Collection of state-wide 2' color orthoimagery
- Activity 2. - Development of education and outreach program to assist city and county governments move into GIS applications
- Activity 3. - Development of city GIS users group through the Mississippi Municipal League
- Activity 4. - Development of county-wide LIDAR data in multiple counties
- Activity 5. - Contract issued to assist in development of GIS portal/clearinghouse
- Activity 6. - Continued development of hydrographic data by state through FEMA funding

16. Please provide the URL link for the mission statement of your state GIS Council.

URL: - <http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov>

17. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Office.

URL: - <http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov>

18. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Coordination Council Web Page.

URL: - <http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov>

19. Please provide the URL link for your state GIS Clearinghouse Node.

We Are Working on a Clearinghouse Node - Not Yet Available

20. Is your Clearinghouse Node set up to be harvested by the GOS Portal?

Other (please specify) - will be in March 2007

21. Please provide the URL link to a list of GIS data stewards for your state.

URL: - <http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov>

22. Please provide the URL link to your state GIS Personnel Classifications.

URL: - [www.spb.state.ms.us](http://www.spb.state.ms.us)

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: - [www.giscouncil.ms.gov](http://www.giscouncil.ms.gov)

**2. Score Card for Fifty States Initiative**

25. Which of the following NSGIC Coordination Criteria are in effect in your state? Please rate your implementation on the following 1-5 scale.

5 = Implemented at this time 4 = Progress has been made and we reasonably expect this to be fully implemented within the next 12 months 3 = We currently are planning to implement this within the next 12 to 18 months 2 = No plans at this time for implementing this criteria 1 = We previously had this function and lost it over the past year

	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
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1. A full-time, paid coordinator position is designated and has the authority to implement the state's business and strategic plans.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
2. A clearly defined authority exists for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
3. The statewide coordination office has a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office).	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
4. A champion (politician or executive decision-maker) is aware and involved in the process of coordination.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
5. Responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse are assigned.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
6. The ability exists to work and coordinate with local governments, academia, and the private sector.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
7. Sustainable funding sources exist to meet projected	Empty	Empty	Empty	2	Empty

needs.					
8. Coordinators have the authority to enter into contracts and become capable of receiving and expending funds.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
9. The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.	Empty	4	Empty	Empty	Empty

26. Please identify the stakeholder groups that participate on your GIS Coordination Council and their level of participation.			
	<b>Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council</b>	<b>Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council</b>	<b>Actively participates on our Council</b>
Cities and Towns	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Statewide City Organization	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Counties and Parishes	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Statewide County Organization	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Regional Government Organizations	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
State Agencies	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Tribal Governments	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Federal Agencies	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Utilities	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Academic (Colleges & Universities)	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Education (K-12)	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty

Private Sector (GIS Industry Vendors and Users)	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
General Business Community	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Surveying Community	Empty	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Non-Profit Organizations	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
General Public	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
Local URISA Chapter	Empty	Empty	Empty
Local ASPRS Chapter	Empty	Empty	Empty

27. Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Strategic Plan for GIS.

Under Development - Not Available at this Time

28. Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Business Plan for GIS.

Under Development - Not Available at this Time

29. Please provide the URL link to your current Statewide Marketing Plan for GIS.

No Marketing Plan Available

30. Please provide the URL link to the Law or Executive Order that established your GIS Coordination Office and/or Council.

URL: - [http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/MDEM\\_Home?OpenDocument](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/MDEM_Home?OpenDocument)

31. Please provide a URL link to your state's law(s) related to privacy issues as they affect data and information technology.

URL: - [www.its.state.ms.us](http://www.its.state.ms.us)

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

URL: - [www.its.state.ms.us](http://www.its.state.ms.us)

33. 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

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

State Bonds  
Federal Funds Appropriated in State Budget  
Federal Grants

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

Yes

36. Does your state make its own GIS Inventory tool available to users?

Yes - All Users

37. Does your state actively develop and promote the use of data sharing agreements?

Yes for all applications

38. Does your GIS Council or State Coordination Office actively participate in The National Map?

Yes
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**3. Hot Topics**

39. Does your state have a shared Orthoimagery Program that involves local and state agencies?

Yes
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40. Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Orthoimagery Program?

No
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41. Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.

Not Applicable
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42. 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
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43. Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Road Centerline File program?

No
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44. Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.

Not Applicable
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**4. Understanding the Role of GIS Coordinators**

45. Please choose the mechanism that created your position.

Action of Coordination Council

46. Please provide the URL link for the document(s) that created your position (Legislation, Executive Order or Other Action).

Empty

47. Which choice most closely matches the title of your boss?

State Department/Agency Director

48. What choice best describes how closely you are aligned with the State CIO?

Very Close

49. Please select the number of staff that you supervise.

Less than 3

50. 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

51. What fund sources does your Coordination Office use to support its operations? (Check all that apply)

State Bonds  
Agency Contributions As Required

52. When an administration change occurs following a statewide election is your position?

Not Likely to be Affected

53. Please rank the importance of these characteristics/skills to the effective performance of your job.

- GIS Evangelist/Cheerleader - 2
- GIS Architect - 3
- Political Savvy - 1
- Technological Savvy - 3
- General Management Skills - 2
- Procurement/Contracting Skills - 3
- People Skills - 1
- Understanding the Business Needs of Your Customers - 1