

1. Please provide the following information.

1. Please Select Your Jurisdiction.

Texas

2. Please enter your name as indicated below.

Last Name - Ouimet

First Name - Michael

Middle Initial - P.

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

Officially Recognized State Government Only GIS Coordinator

4. What is your job title?

State Geographic Information Systems Coordinator

5. Enter the name of your agency/organization.

Texas Department of Information Resources

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

State CIO's Office

7. Please provide your address information.

Address Line 1: - P.O. Box 13564

Address Line 2: - Empty

Mail Stop or Other Code: - Empty

Street Number and Name: - 300 West 15th, Suite 1300, 78701

City: - Austin
State: - Texas
Zip Code: - 78711-3564

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

512-305-9076

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512-475-4759

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

Accomplishment 1. - GIS technology was used extensively during the response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and once again demonstrated the value of geospatial technology to state leadership.

Accomplishment 2. - The use of geospatial technology for homeland security purposes has increased dramatically. This past year GIS was used extensively in a variety of homeland security exercises including: cyber-security response, terrorism, nuclear facilities incident, and hurricane preparedness.

Accomplishment 3. - The number of geospatial web services provided by state agencies and universities increased to over 50.

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

Goal 1. - Establish a sustainable funding mechanism to support statewide base mapping needs.

Goal 2. - Increase the number and effectiveness of geospatial partnerships between state agencies and our regional and local partners.

Goal 3. - Coordination of agency resources to implement an enterprise GIS for State government that is aligned with goals established by the Texas Geographic Information Council (TGIC) and the State CIO at the Texas Department of Information Resources.

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

- Challenge 1. - Establishing a source of sustainable funding for framework and other base map dataset development.
- Challenge 2. - Maintaining sufficient staffing expertise and staffing levels within state government to manage contract projects and implement technical applications.
- Challenge 3. - Developing the support infrastructure for a state the size of Texas that will give the GIS coordinating council the ability to outreach and partner with all levels of government and the private sector.

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

- Cooperative Effort 1. - The Texas Forest Service and the Southern Group of State Foresters have embarked on a multi-state wildland fire risk assessment for the 13 Southern states that will allow agencies and organizations at the national, state, and local levels to obtain a clearer picture of what the overall potential is for wildland fire and its associated problems.
- Cooperative Effort 2. - The Columbia Regional Geospatial Service Center was established by the Stephen F. Austin University Forest Resources Institute in the aftermath of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia. This Center is the result of Congressional appropriations through the Department of Defense and Army-Air National Guards.
- Cooperative Effort 3. - Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi has established the Texas Spatial Reference Center as the responsible entity to manage the Texas Height Modernization Program and ensure the accuracy and availability of the reference system. Federal funds will support the Texas Height Modernization program for the first two years, and additional funding are anticipated for follow on years from a variety of sources
- 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)

- Activity 1. - The Texas Association of Counties is coordinating a county road inventory analysis project to assist Texas counties in comparing roadway datasets to select those roads which are determined to be county owned and deselect those the county considers to be private for purposes of determining ownership per House Bill 1117.
- Activity 2. - The Department of Information Resources has initiated the Telecommunications Infrastructure Map project to enable the state to better operate, maintain, and market its statewide telecommunications services. The project will map the location of state contracted and state owned telecommunications and network infrastructure, services and customers.
- Activity 3. - The Texas Resources Information System has a cooperative agreement with FEMA and other partners to collect LIDAR data along the Texas Coastline and other areas of interest for flood map modernization purposes.
- Activity 4. - Empty
- Activity 5. - Empty
- Activity 6. - Empty

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

Hard Copy Only

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

No Web Page - Use E-mail Address Provided

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

URL: - <http://www.dir.state.tx.us/tgic/index.htm>

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

URL: - <http://www.tnris.state.tx.us>

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

No

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

Hard Copy Only

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://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_)

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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

	5	4	3	2	1
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	Empty	4	Empty	Empty	Empty

coordination.					
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 needs.	Empty	Empty	3	Empty	Empty
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.	5	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty

26. Please identify the stakeholder groups that participate on your GIS Coordination Council and their level of participation.			
	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Actively participates on our Council
Cities and Towns	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Statewide City Organization	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Counties and Parishes	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Statewide County Organization	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council

Regional Government Organizations	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Actively participates on our Council
State Agencies	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	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	Has an official "seat" or voting privileges on our Council	Empty
Utilities	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Academic (Colleges & Universities)	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	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	Empty
General Business Community	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Surveying Community	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Non-Profit Organizations	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
General Public	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Local URISA Chapter	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	Empty	Empty
Local ASPRS Chapter	Invited to participate in general meetings of our Council	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.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/wa.toc.htm>

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

Empty

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

Empty

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.)

Partially Funded

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

State General Funds
Federal Grants

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

Other (please specify) - Our Council will begin an endorsement process of various national geospatial standards in 2007.

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

Yes - Government Users Only

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

None needed because everyone participates in the public domain

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

Yes

3. Hot Topics

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

Yes

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

No

41. Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.

Not Applicable

42. Does your state have a shared Road Centerline file project that involves local and state agencies?

Yes

43. Have you completed a Return on Investment (ROI) Study or Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to justify a shared Road Centerline File program?

No

44. Please provide a URL link so we can obtain a copy of your ROI or CBA study.

Not Applicable

4. Understanding the Role of GIS Coordinators

45. Please choose the mechanism that created your position.

Agency Administrative Decision

46. 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

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

State Department/Agency Division 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.)

Partially Funded

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

State General Funds

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