



Summary

Project Name: State GIS Coordination **Date: January 10, 2008**

No state agency is currently assigned responsibility for coordinating Geographic Information Systems (GIS) within state government, although several organizations, such as the Land Management Information Center (LMIC), informally fill some of this void. The purpose of this Drive to Excellence project is to develop, recommend and implement an organizational and governance framework to coordinate GIS as an “enterprise” activity of state government. The project focuses on enhancing the capacity for coordinating GIS within state government; activities related to coordination of the broader statewide GIS community are beyond scope of this initiative, but are considered important. Proposed project components include:

- 1. Organizational Transformation.** This focuses on creating an organizational capacity for GIS coordination within state government. Anticipated outcomes include establishing an organization with a state GIS coordination mission, with responsibilities for setting policies, standards, and priorities for enterprise GIS investments, and serving as the state’s point of contact for GIS. Recommendations are likely to include organizational changes and reallocation of resources.
- 2. Functional Transformation.** This concerns operational aspects of GIS within state government. The existing and potential uses of GIS to support the functional programs and activities of state agencies will be analyzed, with the intent of identifying opportunities for improved efficiencies, effectiveness, responsiveness and reliability. Recommendations may include consolidation of services, staff, and resources and organizational changes.

Potential project benefits:

- Improved Coordination of State GIS
- Improved Accountability
- Opportunities for Enterprise Investments
- Improved Standardization of GIS Technology
- Enterprise Leveraged Workforce
- Expanded Access to GIS Resources
- Improved Customer Service

Anticipated project deliverables:

- A Recommended Organizational Framework
- A Recommended Governance Model
- An Assessment Identifying Current and Needed GIS Capabilities
- Recommended Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities
- Implementation Plan

It is the goal of this project to provide its recommendations by fall 2008 in order to inform budget and legislative initiatives for the 2009 legislative session and FY2010/11 biennial budget.