

FGDC Annual Report to OMB – FY 2003

Part A

GENERAL FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT (All Agencies)

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5. Subcommittee or Working Group Participation (Subcommittees or Working Groups your agency is involved with, but does not lead).
Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data.
6. Strategy: Has your agency prepared a detailed strategy for integrating geographic information and spatial data activities into your business process - in coordination with the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) strategy, pursuant to OMB Circular A-16? If yes, briefly describe.
Yes. The Department has a task order in-progress to do this.
7. Compliance: How are your spatial data holdings compliant with FGDC Standards? Also, please list the FGDC Standards you are using or plan to use in your organization.
The HHS task order will modify the HHS Meta Directory in a format that conforms to the FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM), version 2.0, 1998, accessible as XML and HTML documents in a Web accessible directory.
8. Redundancy: Prior to collecting data, how does your agency ensure that the data are not already available?
We use the OMB clearance process to ensure that the data are not already available.
9. Collection: Do your agency contracts and grants involving data collection include costs for National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) standards?
There is no Department-wide policy to this effect, but FGDC spatial metadata standards have been (and are being) incorporated in several geospatial data projects.

10. Clearinghouse: Is all the data and/or metadata that your agency is able to share with the public published on the NSDI Clearinghouse? If not, please cite barriers encountered.

Under the Task Order, HHS plans to serve FGDC conformant metadata for use in the NSDI Clearinghouse using the “GEO” Profile of the Z39.50 “Search and Retrieval” Protocol through connection of a Z39.50 server to the Meta Directory database.

11. E-Gov: How are you using geospatial data in your mission activities to provide better services?

There are a variety of new online HHS geospatial data activities including the following:

- **GIS surveillance activities at the HHS Command Center (in support of Homeland Defense);**
- **CDC’s Atlas of Reproductive Health;**
- **CDC’s new Marcus Operations Center.**

12. Geospatial One-Stop: How is your agency involved in the Geospatial One-Stop?

The activities discussed above in answer to Question #10 support Geospatial One-Stop.

13. Enterprise Architecture: Is geospatial data a component of your enterprise architecture? Please provide a brief summary of how geospatial data fits into your enterprise architecture.

HHS has an “enterprise architecture” under development. Geospatial data will be a component.

14. Partnerships: What efforts are being taken to coordinate data and build partnerships at the field level for data collection and standards development? Identify partnerships and data sharing activities with other federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments and other entities.

The Steering Committee has established an ongoing relationship with the HHS Data Council. This provides a basis for partnerships and data sharing activities.

15. Concerns or Lessons Learned: Are there areas or issues regarding spatial data that require attention, or lessons learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.

Not at this time.