

Montana Geospatial Strategic Plan 2006 - 2010

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Project Narrative

Creating a state geospatial strategic plan that has buy-in from the geospatial community is a much more difficult process than writing a plan from strictly one agencies perspective. The Montana Geospatial Strategic Plan for 2006 to 2010 attempts to facilitate Montana's participation in the development of the NSDI, and provide overall direction for the entire geospatial community regarding public policy, education, data stewardship, and coordination and cooperation. The plan includes goals and objectives as well as suggested implementation strategies that are intended to guide the community as annual work plans are implemented. As stated in the document's forward, the plan is intended to foster a "federated" model for sharing information among a variety of users, through data stewardship, education and collaboration. We believe this federated approach embodies the major goals of this CAP category to strengthen multi-organizational coordination and cross organizational councils that develop and advance the NSDI within the states.

The general format of the planning process consisted of hiring a consultant, Janet Cornish of Community Development Services who conducted the meeting facilitation, aggregation of results, and writing of the final document. Separate facilitated meetings were conducted with state agencies, federal agencies, local governments and the private sector. Individual visits were conducted with the tribal governments. Results of these meetings were compiled and vetted in a facilitated meeting with the Montana Land Information Advisory Council. An initial draft of the plan was assembled and passed back to the Council for revision. A final draft of the plan was completed in February 2007. The plan contains four major goals: