



Oregon Statewide Strategy for Geographic Information Interim Report

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This project is producing a refreshed strategic plan for geographic information management and coordination for Oregon. The previous plan was created in 2001, prior to the Fifty States Initiative. While that plan was for development of Oregon's portion of the NSDI, there are aspects of the Fifty States Initiative that can be improved in Oregon with development of a refreshed plan. We recently developed a detailed business plan, called navigatOR, that is based, in part on our understanding of the Fifty States Initiative, but no documentation of the strategy behind that business plan has been produced.

Summary of activities to date:

- Planned and conducted a series of facilitated group discussions titled "Let's Talk" focusing on open communication and frank dialog to elicit information about navigatOR, how it's working, what needs to change and where we need to go. Meeting locations: GIS in Action (Or, WA URISA), Pendleton, Ontario, Lakeview, Bend, Portland, Salem and Roseburg. Meetings occurred between April 21st and June 19th.

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- Meeting results were summarized and distributed back to those individuals that attended meeting to allow for edits or additional comments to be captured.
- Oregon project staff met with Gail Ewart, GIO, State of Idaho and Danielle Ayan, Georgia GIS Clearinghouse Manager, State of Georgia to discuss their respective 50 States GIS Strategic Planning efforts
- We convened a Strategic Plan Steering Committee composed of representatives from State, Regional and Local Government and the University System. This group discussed information gathered to date and provided strategic guidance. We discovered that Metro's Data Resource Center (the GIS business group in Oregon's largest regional Government) was similarly refreshing their strategic plan. We've since met again with Metro and are working to align our planning activities.
- We conducted research on existing benefit accrual tracking mechanism both within and outside the GIS community.
- We held a nationally attended webex/teleconference focused on benefit accrual tracking and solicited volunteers for additional working teleconferences. We've had one additional webex/teleconference with a smaller workgroup.
- Presently we are working on an interim draft of the Strategic Plan and presented key concepts to the Oregon Geographic Information Council (OGIC) on September 16th.



Next Steps:

- Strategic Plan:
 - Complete interim draft
 - Circulate draft for review.
 - Revise draft
 - Produce final plan
- Benefit accrual tracking mechanism:
 - Complete research
 - Continue and complete interviews
 - Draft final document
 - Publish document

Do we need assistance, if so, what kind?

- We do not foresee the need for assistance at this time

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Revised timeline:

- Is your project proceeding on its original timeline? Do you expect to complete your project on the scheduled completion date? If not, request a time extension by providing a justification for previous and expected delays, and then identify a new completion date.

Our project is running slightly behind our original anticipated timeline as project startup activities took longer to complete than initially anticipated. At this point we anticipate no additional delays but do request a 6 week extension to Tasks 4.3 and 4.4. If granted these new dates would be:

Task 4.3 – Publish the Final Plan *January 15, 2010*

Task 4.4 – Publish Tracking Mechanism *February 15, 2010*