The Idaho Geospatial Office provides support and leadership to geographic information systems (GIS) coordination. IGO relies on collaboration among governments, higher education, businesses and professional associations to improve the quality and utility of commonly needed data.

IGO promotes the use of GIS, leads statewide initiatives, guides standards and policy development, and nurtures Framework development. INSIDE Idaho, the official state geospatial portal, provides access to data and offers related services.

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Government agencies at all levels use geographic information in their daily activities. Developing and maintaining that information in an efficient, professional manner is critical to meeting service expectations. In emergencies, it saves lives and property.

**ISDI** flows across multiple jurisdictions and levels of government to address our shared challenges. Examples are wildfire response, water resource management, mitigating impacts of drug addiction, economic development and construction permitting.

**ISDI** relies on a partnership among state agencies, local, federal and tribal governments, academic institutions, and the private sector.

**Strategic Planning**

Idaho’s Geospatial Committee, via a project steering committee, provided critical direction during strategic and business plan development for **ISDI**. The IGC approved the plans, as did Idaho’s IT coordinating body. The need to accelerate data development is clear, the benefits are significant and widespread, and the dollar investment is relatively modest. Extensive ROI studies in sister states indicate benefits will outpace costs within the five-year implementation period.

**Guiding Philosophy**

Base map data are built once, perpetually maintained by a network of partner-stewards, and used many times to maximize our investment.

**Characteristics**

- Broad participation
- Responsive governance
- Appropriate technology
- Consistent capabilities

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