

***Delaware Geospatial Data Coordination
Strategic Planning
Interim Project Report***

Date: August 20, 2009

Agreement Number: G09AC00061

Project Title: Delaware Geospatial Data Coordination Strategic Planning

Organization:

Delaware Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

122 William Penn Street

Haslet Building, Third Floor

Dover, DE 19901

<http://stateplanning.delaware.gov/>

Principal Investigator:

Michael B. Mahaffie

(302) 739-3090

mike.mahaffie@state.de.us

Collaborating Organizations:

Delaware Department of Information and Technology

Kim Cloud

801 Silver Lake Blvd.

Dover, DE 19904

<http://dti.delaware.gov/>

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Carl Yetter

89 Kings Highway

Dover, DE 19901

<http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/>

Delaware Geological Survey

William (Sandy) Schenck

257 Academy Street

Newark, DE 19716

<http://www.dgs.udel.edu/>

Dover/Kent MPO
Jim Galvin
P.O. Box 383
Dover, Delaware 19903
<http://www.doverkentmpo.org/>

City of Dover
Mark Nowak
15 East Loockerman Street
Dover, DE 19903
<http://www.cityofdover.com/>

USGS
Roger Barlow
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston, VA 20192
<http://www.usgs.gov/>

Project Narrative

The Strategic Planning Project Steering Committee (the collaborating organizations) reviewed submissions from and interviewed the principals of two groups that offered to perform strategic planning for Delaware's GIS Community under the grant. The group selected Applied Geographics and a contract was negotiated between Applied Geographics and the Delaware Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

For several reasons, chief among them being the need for state OMB leadership and much of its staff to concentrate solely on closing a historically large budget deficit by the end of the state fiscal year on July 31, the contract was not completed until July 1. Activities could not be begun until purchase order paperwork was completed about a week later.

During this process, however, the Steering Committee conducted a survey of the statewide GIS community to try to determine a list of "Key Stakeholders" to provide to Applied Geographics during the project. This was a suggestion from our statewide coordinating council, which has encouraged us to look outside the traditional group of "active members" to gather Strategic Plan input. This survey has collected around 80 submissions, though it has tended to identify the usual suspects instead of generating new leads. The Steering Committee will review this data and add additional key stakeholders based on our experience and on conversations with Applied

Geographics as to what other agencies and types of officials to interview.

Next Steps

A kick-off meeting has been scheduled for August 26 between the Steering Committee and Applied Geographics at which time we will plan GIS community workshops and individual and potentially group interviews of key stakeholders. It is anticipated that we will diverge slightly from our original project plan and hold two statewide workshops instead of three. This will allow us to devote more of Applied Geographics' time to individual interviews and will save on travel expenses for the contractor.

Given Delaware's small size, it is reasonable to expect all interested members of the GIS community to easily attend one of the two planned workshops. They will be separated in time and geographically to allow for maximum attendance.

Meanwhile, the CAP grant funding allowed two members of the Steering Committee to attend the NSGIC mid-year conference in Annapolis (a third attended without using Cap grant funding). At least three Steering Committee members will attend the NSGIC annual meeting in the fall; all will be funded by the grant. It is possible that additional members, or perhaps members of the statewide coordinating council, may also attend.

At the moment, there is no additional assistance needed, though it is possible that the kick-off meeting may generate additional needs for advice or guidance from FGDC.

Revised Timeline

The project is approximately three months behind the proposed timeline in our original project narrative. Based on preliminary discussions with Applied Geography, however, we expect to be able to make-up the time and meet our planned completion dates in February 2010. We will develop a revised timeline during our kick-off meeting later this month to reflect the changes.

We do not anticipate any need for a time extension, at this time.

Attachments

N/A