

Interim Report

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Interim Report Narrative:

Staff at the Kentucky Division of Geographic Information (DGI) has met on several occasions with Alayne White in the Finance Cabinet Secretary's Office to begin planning for the stakeholder listening sessions that will be conducted across Kentucky during Fall, 2009. Alayne has acted as the facilitator of many listening sessions, debates, and other events that engage citizens or stakeholders with a particular area of interest. We are pleased that she will be conducting the listening sessions for the project and look forward to gaining valuable input from the Commonwealth's GIS Community. This input will prove to be the cornerstone of the Kentucky Geospatial Strategic Plan.

The listening sessions will be conducted at selected Area Development District (ADD) offices across the state. The ADDs all have GIS Staff and act as regional integrators of GIS data and provide GIS technical assistance and services to communities in their respective regions. DGI will work with the Council of ADDs to determine the best locations and to help in spreading the word about the listening sessions within their regions. It is planned that the location selection will be completed by the end of August or in early September.

Progress thus far has been reported to the Commonwealth's newly appointed Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Commissioner of the Commonwealth Office of Technology, the Finance Secretary's Office, and the Office of the Lt. Governor. All are interested in activating the Geographic Information Advisory Council (GIAC) in order to actively coordinate development of the strategic plan.

Next Steps: Please see the revised timeline section below.

Revised Timeline:

As reported during the conference call, the Executive Order that will re-establish the Kentucky GIAC was not executed during the expected June-July timeframe. Finance Cabinet Secretary staff indicates that the Executive Order will be signed on August 18th as a part of the re-organization of the Commonwealth Office of Technology. The timely appointment of members by Boards and Commissions will ensure that an initial meeting of the GIAC can be scheduled for mid-September. It is very important that the Strategic Planning process not begin before the creation of the GIAC. The Council members must be engaged in the process from the beginning as they must take ownership of the final plan and move forward with its implementation.

At this time, the Commonwealth feels that it can complete the project by the required submission date. Project progress will be measured throughout the fall of 2009 and if it appears that the deadline cannot be adhered to, the Commonwealth will respectfully request an extension with the appropriate justification. Please see the table below for details on our revised project timeline.

Timeframe	Description
August 18	<u>Executive Order Executed for GIAC</u> – Once the GIAC is formally established the Strategic Planning Process can begin. Work with the Council of ADDs to designate 3-4 locations across the Commonwealth for regional listening sessions.
September 16	<u>Initial GIAC Meeting</u> – The first step will be for DGI to organize the initial meeting and discuss the CAP Grant with the full council. They need to have “buy-in” on the process before it begins. A listing proposed dates for regional listening sessions will be presented for the GIAC’s consideration.
September – October 2009	<u>Listening Sessions</u> – Conduct Regional Listening Session across the Commonwealth at selected Area Development District (ADD) offices. Report back to the GIAC Executive Committee on the results of each session.
November 2009	<u>Session Findings</u> – Present the findings of each session to the GIAC Executive Committee and/or full Council.
December 2009 >	<u>Plan Development</u> – Work to develop the GIAC Strategic Plan as per the guidelines set forth by the FGDC (recently revised and posted in May, 2009).
February 2010	<u>Finalize Plan</u> – Complete the final draft of the Strategic Plan to the GIAC Executive Committee and full GIAC Council. Ensure that it complies with the FGDC Guidelines. Submit to Final Report and Plan to FGDC for their consideration.

Attachments: None