

## *Interim Project Report*

### *NSDI CAP Category 3 Fifty States Initiative*

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**Agreement Number:** G09AC00068

**Project Title:** Update the GIS Strategic Plan to Support the 50 States Initiative and Build a Business Plan for Tracking Progress and Resources in Washington

#### **Interim Report**

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#### **Project Narrative**

The National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) estimates that the geographic data required by state, local, regional, tribal and federal governments will cost in excess of \$6.6 billion, not including maintenance costs. There are over 18,000 municipal governments, 3,141 county governments, unknown numbers of regional organizations, and over 327 tribal governments that are all creating geographic data in addition to the states and Federal government. Through the development of state level GIS Strategic and Business Plans, all levels of government will be able to work more effectively together in the creation and maintenance of geospatial data. This will improve coordination efforts dramatically. Washington is embarking on an update of its existing GIS Strategic Plan and the creation of its first GIS Business Plan.

#### ***Status:***

Washington Geographic Information Council (WAGIC) is providing an update on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Fifty States Initiative Grant. The grant's administrative recipient, Department of Information Services (DIS), released a Work Request number WR-09-79 for GIS Strategic and Business Plan on April 9, 2009 using the Information Technology Professional Services (ITPS) master contract.

<http://www.techmall.dis.wa.gov/mastercontracts/itps.aspx>

No responses were received from the vendors. However, in consultation with the ITPS Legal Office, the question was asked as to why they did not respond and the vendors indicated that they viewed the work request as highly risky given the limited funding and timelines. Due to the lack of responses it was decided by the WAGIC Strategic Planning Grant subcommittee to release the work as a Request for Proposal (RFP). The subcommittee furthermore researched and selected six well known GIS consultants based on their extensive expertise in the areas of GIS collaboration and GIS Strategic Planning. Two of the consultants have produced a total of thirteen similar business and strategic plans for thirteen states within the funding constraints of USGS' Fifty States Initiative Grant. The WAGIC Strategic Planning Grant subcommittee felt confident that it would receive viable responses from this RFP process.

As a result, the scope of work was re-written, the risks reduced and a Request for Proposal (RFP) was release on May 14, 2009. The apparent successful vendor, Berk and Associates, was announced on June 16, 2009. Following the announcement of the apparent successful vendor a formal protest was submitted.

Following the announcement of the successful vendor, a formal protest was submitted by Applied Geographics. A review and determination was reached by the Department of information Services Legal Services Division upholding its original decision to disqualify the vendor due to a lack of a response to a mandatory RFP question. The vendor submitted a second protest in July 2009 and the Information Services Board convened a special session to review the protest on July 28, 2009. The determination of non-compliance was upheld by the ISB and a notice was sent to Applied Geographics on July 29, 2009.

The final vendor contract was signed on August 21, 2009. These delays have resulted in a new project start date of August 27, 2009, two months later than originally planned.

### Next Steps

- A new project timeline was submitted by the successful vendor.
- The contract with Berk and Assoc. was finalized and signed on August 21, 2009.
- The project kick-off meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2009.

PHASE	TASK	DATES
<b>Phase 1:</b> Strategic and Business Plan Assessment and Evaluation	BERK/DIS Kick-off meeting	August 27, 2009
	WAGIS Focus Group meeting	August 27, 2009
	Stakeholder session preparation and advertising	September 14 – October 16, 2009
	Stakeholder sessions (5)	October 19 – November 6, 2009
	Online Survey development	September 14 – October 16, 2009
	Online Survey implementation	October 19 – November 6, 2009
	Synthesis of findings	November 9 – November 30, 2009

<b>Phase 2: Draft Strategic Plan Development</b>	Draft strategic plan development	November 30 – January 15, 2010
	Time for WAGIC to review draft plan	January 18 – January 29, 2010
	WAGIC meeting to discuss plan	First week of February, 2010
<b>Phase 3: Final Strategic Plan</b>	Finalize strategic plan	By February 26, 2010
<b>Phase 4: Draft Business Plan Development</b>	Draft business plan development	February 1 – March 26, 2010
	Time for WAGIC to review draft plan	March 29 – April 9, 2010
<b>Phase 5: Final Strategic Plan</b>	Finalize business plan	By April 30, 2010

### **Revised Timeline**

*is your project proceeding on its original timeline?* No

*Do you expect to complete your project on the scheduled completion date?* Yes, we will submit a request for extension if the project is unable to make the existing deadline. We will determine that late December 2009.