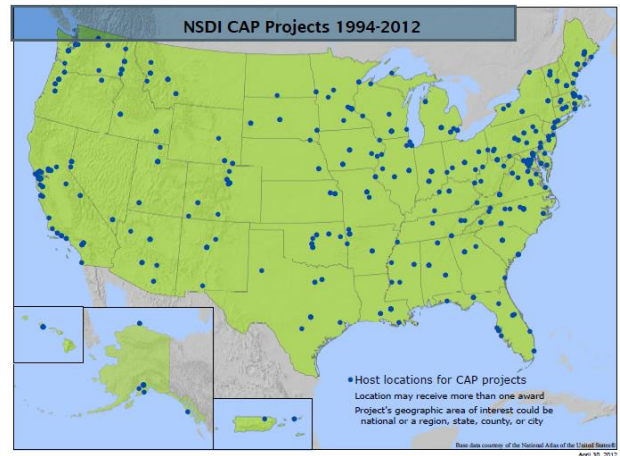


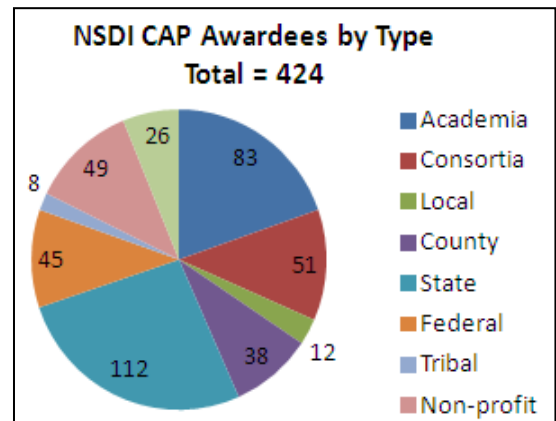
## National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) FY 2013 and 2014 CAP Reductions

The National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) managed by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Office of the Secretariat (OS) will not be soliciting projects in FY2013 or FY2014. As a result of sequestration budget impacts, the Federal funding portion of this cost-share program is no longer available. We recognize the announcement for this decision for FY2013 is delayed; this was done in order to explore all perceived options prior to canceling this year's announcement. Active projects will continue to be supported through their scheduled completions. 2014 would have marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this long-standing collaborative cost-share program between Federal and non-federal partners to advance the nation's spatial data infrastructure.

Since 1994, 707 awards representing over \$22 million in Federal funding, matched by over \$14 million in funding from State, county, local, and tribal government academia, professional consortiums, non-profit, and private sector organizations has helped lay the foundation and provide the guidance for advancing the NSDI. Truly national in scope, cooperative agreements were executed by all 50 States, 2 territories, the District of Columbia, 8 tribal governments, and universities in 38 States. In only the past seven years, over 2,600 persons have been trained in metadata alone; all CAP developed training materials are available online, to all.



While the categories of awards have changed regularly to align with Federal priorities and initiatives and address areas of particular interest to the community, some foundational categories have consistently been supported, including: development, implementation, education, and outreach for standards, metadata, data clearinghouses, and data services. Categories have included: building data stewardship; framework data services; clearinghouse integration with OpenGIS services; web mapping testbeds; Geo-Enabled Federal Businesses Initiative; Fifty States Initiative: Strategic and Business Plan Development; geographic information integration; use of Geospatial One-Stop map and data services; Enabling Use of Government Tabular Data in a Geographic Context; Demonstration of Geospatial Data Partnerships Across, Local, State, Tribal, and Federal Government; Return on Investment (ROI) Methodology and Business Case Development for Multi-agency NSDI projects, and Geospatial Platform Cloud Service Testbed. So far, the program has spanned 45 categories of awards.



Partners have continued to show their commitment to the advancement of the NSDI through their participation in this competitive, cost-share program. With current, key Federal priorities and initiatives laying the foundation for the NSDI's path forward, the FGDC recognizes the importance of partnerships to ensuring a national approach, and the value programs such as the NSDI CAP provide to all, as reflected in this quote from the National States Geographic Information Council's 2011 Measures of Progress Report. *"The strategic and business plans implemented as part of the Fifty States initiative have brought great clarity and purpose to these states allowing them to better withstand economic down times."*