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FGDC Annual Report to OMB
Format for Agency Reports – FY 2002

The following outline should be used by FGDC Member Agencies (or Bureaus) for their Annual Spatial Data Reports, which will be consolidated by the FGDC and submitted to OMB. Reports should be brief, using bullets where possible. Please provide only the information that will be useful for OMB to assess the agencies’ achievements and for establishing future direction.

Part A
GENERAL FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT (All Agencies)

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5. Subcommittee or Working Group Participation (Subcommittees or Working Groups your agency is involved with, but does not lead).
   GSA has recently become a member of the FGDC.

6. Strategy: Has your agency prepared a detailed strategy for integrating geographic information and spatial data activities into your business process - in coordination with the FGDC strategy, pursuant to OMB Circular A-16? If yes, briefly describe.

   Although GSA is a new member of the FGDC, we are in the process of developing a strategy for integrating geographic information into our Federal facilities application, the Worldwide Inventory. The Worldwide Inventory is a summary profile of Federal land, buildings and structures as reported held by Federal agencies on the last day of the fiscal year.

7. Compliance: How are your spatial data holdings compliant with FGDC Standards? Also, please list the FGDC Standards you are using or plan to use in your organization.
GSA has recently become a member of the FGDC.

GSA has been involved with the Tri-Services (and other agencies) CAD/GIS Technology Center for Facilities, Infrastructure, and Environment (CTCFIE). GSA has endorsed the CTCFIE’s Spatial Data Standard for Facilities, Infrastructure, and Environment (SDSFIE). American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI) Committee for Information Technology Standards has approved the SDSFIE as ANSI standard NCITS 353.

In addition, GSA will continue to consult the FGDC standards as the agency expands its geospatial planning.

8. Redundancy: Prior to collecting data, how does your agency ensure that the data are not already available?

GSA Public Buildings Service (PBS) maintains the system of record for PBS facility addresses. For other data, such as maps, GSA will rely on readily available data sets.

9. Collection: Does your agency contracts and grants involving data collection include costs for NSDI standards?

N/A

10. Clearinghouse: Is all the data and/or metadata that your agency is able to share with the public published on the NSDI Clearinghouse? If not, please cite barriers encountered.

No. However, security might be an issue.

11. E-Gov: How are you using geospatial data in your mission activities to provide better services? (Please list)

Geospatial data has the potential to:

Allow GSA associates to map agency facilities by address helping customers, business partners, and themselves to correctly identify the location of agency facilities for a variety of business reasons such as service agreements, site inspections, visits, security, utility connections, etc.

Allow associates to locate a building by state, county, city, address, name, or other attribute.

Create maps of facility locations by building type (courthouses, historic buildings, etc.) or other criteria such as proximity to public transportation.

Aid emergency response personnel in event of catastrophe.

Create a standardized address database of GSA facilities.
Help to analyze facility data, create reports, and join together a variety of facility data.

12. Geospatial One-Stop: How is your agency involved in the Geospatial One-Stop?

As said in # 7 above, GSA is a member of the CTCFIE. The GSA PBS CIO serves on the CTCFIE Board of Directors.

13. Enterprise Architecture: Is geospatial data a component of your enterprise architecture? Please provide a brief summary of how geospatial data fits into your enterprise architecture.

Geospatial data is captured in GSA PBS's Enterprise Architecture. In the Data Architecture it is represented as maps for federal buildings that represent the data about floor plans, land plans, building layouts, tenant allocation, etc. The Business Architecture depicts this information as being created and maintained in the functions of Manage Design and Construction and Manage Space Delivery. The Application Architecture describes the PBS CIO Computer Integrated Facilities Management (CIFM) Division as the application source of record for this information. At present, CIFM is being deployed and does not support maps for all federal buildings.

14. Partnerships: What efforts are being taken to coordinate data and build partnerships at the field level for data collection and standards development? Identify partnerships and data sharing activities with other federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments and other entities.

GSA’s Greater Southwest Region (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) is participating in a border station information pilot project to provide access to spatial data and multiple databases through a single entry portal. The pilot involves agencies with oversight of border station operations.

GSA’s National Capital Region (Washington metro area) partnered with the National Capital Planning Commission to purchase DC orthophotography; this was a cost-sharing partnership for data purchase. NCR is about to partner with DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer to share information on federally owned buildings with public interest.

15. Concerns or Lessons Learned: Are there areas or issues regarding spatial data that require attention, or lessons learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.

Location of emergency services nationwide

Security of data layers and what layers are appropriate for public/agency use

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