

# FGDC Annual Report to OMB for NGA

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### Part A

#### GENERAL FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT (All Agencies)

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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.
  - [NGA's core business is geospatial intelligence. The primary focus is intelligence and combat support and is mostly non-domestic.](#)
  - [NGA is undertaking a GOS support activity to share metadata and data that satisfies all the terms and direction of OMB circular A-16 including Paragraph 7.](#)
7. Compliance: How are your spatial data holdings compliant with FGDC Standards? How is your agency involved in Framework Standards development

and adoption? Also, please list the FGDC Standards you are using or plan to use in your organization.

- NGA is active in the development of standards through the National Center for Geospatial Intelligence Standards and works closely with ANSI and ISO. NGA personnel participated in four of the Modeling Advisory Teams during development of the Geospatial One Stop Framework Standards. NGA personnel have reviewed the draft standards and expect to participate in the editing committees for several of the themes.

- NGA uses the FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata.

8. Performance Measures: Does your agency have performance measures for spatial data activities? **Yes**. If so, please list the measures and target and describe how they contribute to development of the NSDI. **NGA's core business is geospatial intelligence. The primary focus is intelligence and combat support and is mostly non-domestic. Performance measures are for internal use and do not contribute to NSDI.**
9. Reducing Redundancy of Planned Acquisitions Do you use the Geospatial One-Stop portal, geodata.gov, to ensure that the data are not already available? **Geodata.gov is reviewed during data/source acquisition within the P directorate with responsibility for Homeland Security support. NGA's core business is geospatial intelligence. The primary focus is intelligence and combat support and is mostly non-domestic.**
10. Collection: Do your agency contracts and grants involving data collection include costs for following and using NSDI standards?  
**NGA is an active participant in the geospatial standards development (see item 7.) and is converging on ISO/ANSI standards as is NSDI. NGA will provide standard metadata to GOS in FGDC (NSDI) format. Again NGA's core business is geospatial intelligence. The primary focus is intelligence and combat support and is mostly non-domestic.**
11. Clearinghouse for Existing Data: 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. **NGA is currently reviewing domestic data for releasability. Barriers include national security concerns (see OMB Circular A-16, Paragraph 7) and contractual restrictions on certain data/products. As data passes releasability constraints it will be shared through GOS. (Note: As appropriate domestic data from NGA is also shared through memoranda of agreement with Department of the Interior).**
12. Clearinghouse for Planned Investments: Is your agency posting information on planned investments in geospatial information to the Geospatial One-Stop portal to encourage partnerships and leverage investments in the acquisition of geospatial data? If not, please cite when you will begin doing so and what barriers you have encountered that would prevent posting this information. **NGA is currently reviewing domestic data for releasability. Barriers include national security concerns (see OMB Circular A-16, Paragraph 7) and contractual restrictions on certain data/products. As data passes releasability constraints it will be shared through GOS. (Note: As appropriate domestic data from NGA is also shared through memoranda of agreement with Department of the Interior).**

13. Geodata.gov: If metadata for your agency's geospatial data/information holdings is on a Clearinghouse Node already, has that Node been registered on geodata.gov for scheduled harvesting visits? If not, when is the Node scheduled to begin regular visits by the geodata.gov harvester? [Spring 2005](#)
14. E-Gov: How are you using geospatial data in your mission activities to provide better services? (Please list)  
[NGA's core business is geospatial intelligence. The primary focus is intelligence and combat support and is mostly non-domestic. NGA is deeply involved in research and development of new and innovative ways to improve use of geospatial data.](#)
15. Geospatial One-Stop: How is your agency involved in the Geospatial One-Stop (Funding Partner, Channel Stewardship, geospatial framework data interoperability pilots, posting standards based Web Mapping services to the portal, etc)?  
[- NGA is a funding partner. In addition to direct resources NGA provides Full Time Equivalent support, both contractor and government, for GOS acquisition, development, Exhibit 300 development, usability studies and NGA interface to GOS.](#)
16. 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.  
[- Yes. NGA's core business is geospatial intelligence and the NGA enterprise architecture includes all of NGA's geospatial mission activities. NGA's Enterprise Architecture is a data centric construct. It provides a common understanding of data \(geospatial and other forms\) across communities of interest by identifying data that supports the agency's lines of business. In this sense, the geospatial data within the architecture provides a definition layer of communication between data providers and consumers.](#)
17. 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. Does your agency have any formal agreements or MOU's concerning data sharing and integration?  
[NGA has a formal MOU with USGS and FGDC \(signed in July 2002\) concerning our efforts in support of HS. This MOU outlines roles and responsibilities of respective agencies for data sharing and aims to support a number of other federal agencies and their customers with the Homeland Security Mission.](#)
18. 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.