

RESULTS:

67 responses:

Private Sector - 15

City Government – 10

County Government – 8

Federal Government – 14

Other Municipality – 1

State Government – 19

Agencies Represented: ISP, IDFG, U of I, IDT, ISU, IDWR, Military Division, IGS, CIO/GIO, IDPR

3 State Government Responses did not indicate agency.

3 respondents skipped all of the questions except #1 & #4 – the drop downs.

<p>What is your definition of a Statewide GIS Clearinghouse?</p>	<p>Centralized location (one stop resource) for searching, collecting, classifying, storing, and distributing geographic data/metadata that makes GIS data readily available for Idaho – public and agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entity that hosts/stores GIS files – Download Geospatial information and data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Makes metadata available to other portals. - A curated repository - Remotely accessible and online - Hosts web based applications – have web services accessing data from state and local agencies - Develops simple tools for use with GIS products - Hosts framework datasets/layers – an authoritative source <p>An oversight entity or group that has many if not all of the pertinent state resources. A central data coordinating group.</p> <p>An “app” store for Idaho GIS</p> <p>Innovative Leadership</p> <p>5 skipped responses 1 inappropriate response – Not a definition.</p>
<p>What should a Statewide GIS Clearinghouse do for your agency?</p>	<p>Provide a <u>centralized location</u> for Agencies/Public to <u>search</u>, <u>access</u>, upload, and download agency specific and other GIS data and Metadata produced by authoritative sources. (e.g. state agencies, local governments, federal agencies)</p> <p>Allow <u>easy</u> access to data</p> <p>Provide <u>map services</u> especially of seamless and authoritative statewide framework data.</p> <p>Be able to provide assistance in locating or confirming information and on metadata development and standards.</p> <p>Partner and collaborate</p> <p>Be a <u>library</u> and <u>redundant storage</u> location of framework data for emergency use.</p> <p>Store historic and current data and make that information readily available.</p>

	<p>An effective clearing house also promotes the use of common data sets and common data standards for GIS.</p> <p>1 respondent commented that they felt that maintenance of historic datasets should be the responsibility of the source agency, not a clearinghouse.</p> <p>1 respondent commented that a clearinghouse is not useful to their organization in any way.</p> <p>6 skipped responses 2 inappropriate response – Incomplete or unclear.</p>
Should a Statewide GIS Clearinghouse focus on:	<p>Both: 55 Current Data Only: 10 Historical Data Only: 1 Skipped Question: 1</p>
What do you think are the advantages of having a Statewide GIS Clearinghouse?	<p>One-Stop Shopping; improved efficiencies and consistencies in handling GIS searches, needs, and application.</p> <p>Is a single point of discovery for all types of datasets/data types. A centralized location/repository to search, upload, & download geospatial information without having to navigate through many agency websites.</p> <p>Ready access to current data is critical to the future of the state from all disciplines and economic development.</p> <p>All GIS Data is organized in a manner that is consistent with TIM and can be easily located and accessed. Provide one version of the truth.</p> <p>For some applications/processes, a Statewide Clearinghouse will be REQUIRED, i.e. NG911</p> <p>With a single, automated point of discovery, it can reduce data request to individual agencies resulting in staff cost savings. Eases the burden of budget reduction and staff limited State Agencies.</p> <p>With a searchable access to what other folks are doing, it can result in less duplication of efforts and provide a framework for promoting partnerships and collaborations.</p> <p>In times of emergencies or disaster response, data can be standardized and centralized through a clearinghouse is invaluable. Providing the best available data to each group, as needed, allows us to focus on our specialized areas and data.</p> <p>Improve government transparency; Improve public perception of government operations in Idaho</p> <p>One group to manage historical data as well as current data for the agencies that need that service.</p> <p>1 respondent commented that there are no advantages to having a clearinghouse.</p> <p>5 skipped responses</p>

<p>What do you think are the disadvantages of having a Statewide GIS Clearinghouse?</p>	<p>Every entity does its own thing creating redundancy.</p> <p>Data may be out of date or out of sync when compared to source. Poor indication of age of data.</p> <p>Data overload, the sheer volume of the data collected</p> <p>Increased bureaucracy, especially if more than one established</p> <p>Effectiveness is limited by the contributors. Requires a lot of communication and coordination. All contributors will have to follow some minimum (metadata) standards.</p> <p>May not be as knowledgeable on the topic or uses as the source contributor</p> <p>Costs due to need for dedicated funding. If funding lost, it could leave a big hole.</p> <p>Quality control, data management, responsibility, administrative access, technical support, mixed projections and coordinate systems. Some of these could be overcome, some will always be a struggle.</p> <p>The challenges in making all the different datasets combine into one due to differences in scales and schemas.</p> <p>May not keep up with current technology progression</p> <p>There could potentially be conflicts with privacy regulations or other administrative rules.</p> <p>21 respondents did not indicate any disadvantages to having a clearinghouse. (Answer Like None, Can't think of any, or No)</p> <p>5 skipped responses</p>
<p>What do you think would be the advantage of having Inside Idaho continue as the Statewide GIS Clearinghouse?</p>	<p>It works and works well. Already in place and performing. They are doing a good job now and if expanded would fulfill our needs.</p> <p>Success and their commitment during the last decade.</p> <p>Have the infrastructure and experience/expertise – a lot of funds have already been allocated and spent</p> <p>Is a known and reputable source. Name Recognition. If it's not broke, don't fix it. History and competence. They have been innovators, and will very little budget.</p> <p>They are agency neutral. It is able to bridge the gap between fed and state agencies. Not influenced as directly by state govt is more autonomous and able to act in best interest of all including fed, tribal, county, municipal govts... Private entities and NGOs. Easier for Inside Idaho to protect layers from Freedom of Information requests if hosting layers with special use agreements.</p> <p>Working with Inside Idaho provides a separation of bandwidth from other state agencies. Have the largest bandwidth.</p> <p>A university adds the necessary professionalism, skill, and knowledge of library science to effectively manage a GIS data clearing house</p>

	<p>Responsibility for primary public access is the University's, not the State Agencies.</p> <p>29 respondents did not indicate any disadvantages to having a clearinghouse. (Answer Like None, Can't think of any, or No)</p> <p>3 respondents indicated that they were not sure, indicated it would depend on security measures, or think Bruce is a Rock Star.</p> <p>5 skipped responses</p>
<p>What do you think would be the disadvantage of having Inside Idaho continue as the Statewide GIS Clearinghouse?</p>	<p>No consistency as every entity does its own thing. Lack of cooperation on the part of state and other agencies. Other agencies still hosting data.</p> <p>Issues with data maintenance cycles, "old" data on the site not identified as such, can confuse users and be shared or distributed as "good" data when in fact it no longer is. Not maintaining the most "current" data.</p> <p>Duplication of resources (personnel, hardware, etc). A cost drain.</p> <p>No direct/long-term funding. If funded, a cost burden on the state, long term continuity questionable if grant driven</p> <p>Search functions are not intuitive at times</p> <p>May alienate other cooperators such as other universities.</p> <p>Potentially difficult to house sensitive datasets.</p> <p>Outside of the state firewall</p> <p>Bandwidth for streaming and download could be a problem having the clearinghouse so far removed from the largest population of users (SW Idaho)</p> <p>Not enough information for every jurisdiction</p> <p>29 respondents did not indicate any disadvantages to having a clearinghouse. (Answer Like None, Can't think of any, or No)</p> <p>8 respondents indicated that they were not sure or unclear of the question's intent.</p> <p>8 skipped responses</p>

In addition to the subject of a Statewide GIS Clearinghouse, what particular GIS-related issue would you like the IGC-EC to address?

Green-tagging (accelerated approval) of various GIS technical specifications

Standards

Continued standardization of Idaho datasets

Knowing where there is definitely no data coverage for a particular feature class - to identify where future efforts could be directed. Could prompt volunteer work or at least identify needs.

Establishing a functional Spatial Data Infrastructure for Idaho, with GIS leadership. Someone who understands GIS and framework data should be in the lead.

Framework Layers

Framework data, correct and authoritative data sets

Provide a real framework coordinator that can more actively assist TWGs to find solutions for state and federal data needs. Two, be quick about replacing resigning TWG chairs.

State roads layers need updated

Roads

statewide transportation data managed by IDOT - all roads not just state roads

Statewide geodetic control layer

Spatial reference management and control

Funding for Regional Resource Centers to operate.

funding support for RRCs, which could assist in data identification and cataloging

Please stop this waste of time for RRC's - Lets work on something that matters

What is the best way to provide statewide, high resolution imagery to each agency.

More web services

Consolidation of web applications and ArcGIS server implementations across all state GIS web sites

Small county support

Assisting the smaller counties with imaging and indexing geographic information.

It appears that the direction of the State is to move to a more state agency alone atmosphere for the IGC. It is important to note that many other agencies, supply the data used by the state agencies. It is important to not lose these relationships along the way.

It would be nice to see some comments, particularly with regard to usage, though initiating a full-blown blog could diminish the simplicity of the site, which currently seems very appealing. Maybe a limited response to data layers would be useful.

I realize budget and time constraints, but we need to make efforts across the board to keep all framework layers up-to-date or to a usable point.

Apart from Parcels, which framework data layer is most important to your business needs?

Layer Summary

Transportation/Roads/Centerlines/Streets	29
Hydrography/NHD	10
Imagery	10
Structures/Infrastructure	8
PLSS	6
Boundaries	5
Vegetation/Land Use/Land Cover	5
All Base/Framework Layers	3
Elevation	3
Business/Economic Decision Making	2
Ownership/Parcels	2
Geodetic Control	2
Utilities	2
Addresses	2
E911/Emergency Management	1
Names	1
Fire	1
Soil	1
Wildlife	1
Trails	1
Areas of Contamination	1
Points of Diversion	1
Census	1
Flood Areas	1

Respondents often gave multiple answers