

Synthesis of Meeting Notes

Geospatial Data Sharing Work Group – April 8, 2016

Data Sharing Issues

1. Funding, technical capabilities and operational capacity are key problems in terms of standardizing and maintaining Framework data, as well as creating Framework data that doesn't yet exist.
2. The processes for standardizing, maintaining and creating authoritative Framework data are inefficient and non-uniform, and there is no collective approach to incentivize process improvement.
3. There is a perception that this is primarily a State government problem that local governments are being asked to fix without appropriate resources.
4. There are a variety of legal restrictions to data sharing in current public records law, and aggregating the data may alter some of those restrictions in undefined ways. Technological solutions to these restrictions exist but have not been implemented, partly due to cost.
5. There are also a variety of real or perceived security, privacy and liability concerns about data sharing. Technological solutions to these concerns exist but have not been implemented, partly due to cost.
6. There is real power and influence in the provision of authoritative data. Recognition of data roles and responsibilities at all levels is an important incentive to participate.
7. There is an important opportunity in the next Legislative session to get this right in a way that is acceptable to the entire geospatial community. To the greatest extent possible, we need to ensure that all stakeholders are supportive of our solution and that it is presented to the Legislature properly.

Data Sharing Solutions

1. We must identify the opportunities and incentives for participation in the data sharing process
2. We must identify the Framework data that is needed to support government business processes
3. We must define appropriate processes for standardizing, maintaining and creating Framework data
4. We must define appropriate processes and mechanisms for data sharing between public bodies
5. We must identify the technological solutions to enable efficient data sharing between public bodies
6. We must identify funding, technical capability and operational capacity needs to support the identified processes, solutions, and technology
7. We must create productive governance mechanisms to enable and support data sharing
8. We must craft a legislative concept that, to the greatest extent possible, encapsulates these solutions
9. We must communicate the solutions and benefits to the broader community to gain support