

National Geospatial Program Office

 $NOTE: \ A\ process\ is\ currently\ in\ progress\ to\ hire\ a\ replacement\ for\ AK,\ to\ be\ filled\ by\ April\ 30,\ 2008$

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The USGS serves the nation by providing reliable scientific information to: describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect our quality of life.

NGPO Purpose - Providing leadership to place geographic knowledge at the fingertips of the Nation

NGPO Role

Providing leadership and guidance for key stakeholders

- Facilitate policy development
- Provide incentives
- Facilitate the development of key standards and data models
- Coordinate and facilitate the governance structure for the NSDI
- Negotiate collaborative agreements with stakeholders
- Facilitate the development of a national Geospatial Enterprise Architecture
- Provide a forum for technology transfer, best practices, and program guidance

Implementing key components of the NSDI

- Produce map products
- Host spatial datasets, websites, knowledge base, and tools for discovery and access
- Data integration and quality assurance of spatial data
- Staff enterprise architecture, governance body, and spatial operations
- Conduct and sponsor research for geospatial information science
- Contract management
- Training, education, and consultation
- Data producer of last resort

USGS Geospatial Liaison and NSDI Partnership Office Functions

- Cultivate and maintain long-term relationships with partners and develop partnerships and supporting agreements for The National Map and Geospatial One Stop
- Foster and improve communication about the NSDI and NGPO programs
- Manage the local NGPO program
- Advise and consult on geospatial data and technology
- Coordinate through and support the statewide coordinating councils that include representation and participation from all sectors within the State; where there is no statewide coordinating council or coordinator, actively work with key players in the state to establish them
- Coordinate with state and local governments
- Provide a leadership role in coordinating with Federal agencies in states or regions
- Seek opportunities to create relationships and collaborate with tribes
- Seek partnerships with not-for-profit organizations, the private sector, universities, and consortia
- Advise and consult with USGS disciplines to maximize their participation in NGPO programs and the NSDI
- Support emergency operations/homeland security activities

For information on the National Geospatial Programs Office, please visit http://www.usgs.gov/ngpo