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Project Narrative The project has two major components: 1) the development of a strategic plan; and 2) the development of a business case to support sustained funding for NC OneMap program. The strategic plan effort is underway and includes collection and analysis of relevant material from other states; recent actions; and previous plans from the N.C. Geographic Information Coordinating Council. These materials are being analyzed and cast into the NC OneMap Strategic Plan that will be developed during the project. Any new data and additional analysis needed to complete the plan as structured will also be incorporated. Completion of the strategic plan is necessary before much work goes into the business plan. Work related to the business plan component has centered on new and revised IT budget planning procedures and tools, partly a result of recent legislation on State Information Technology Services and Management. The procedures include a call for the development of measures and detailed analysis on cost savings, cost avoidance, risks, and dependencies associated with new requests for state appropriations. The procedures, tools, criteria, measures, and content developed in this new process need complete consideration in the development of a viable business plan.

Project Activities The following activities have occurred in the project to date:

- Attended FGDC/NSGIC Strategic Plan Guidelines Workshop (March 2006)
- Established Core Work Team
- Project Briefing and General Strategy Report to GICC- Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee (April 2006)
- Project Briefing and General Strategy Report to Geographic Information Coordinating Council (May 2006)
- Participated in Business Plan CAP Teleconference, hosted by FGDC (June 2006)
- Project Briefing and Strategy Discussion with members of the GICC Management and Operations Committee (July 2006)
- Project Status Report to Geographic Information Coordinating Council (August 2006)
- Collection and Analysis of Strategic Plans and Related Documents and Reference Material (August 2006)
- Participated in Business Plan CAP Teleconference, hosted by FGDC (September 2006)
- Preliminary analysis of Strategic Plan outline and detailed scope (On-Going)
- Pre-Development and analysis of 2007 expansion budget requests for NC OneMap related items (September 2006)

Resources

Following are some of the resources, documents and reference materials being utilized in the project:

- Fifty States Strategic Planning Process Guide (March 2006)
- NC OneMap Implementation Plan (August 2003), includes NC OneMap Characteristics; Public Records and Security Issues Appendices
- NC OneMap Draft Data Cost Summary Spreadsheet (March 2004)
- NC OneMap Strategic Plan and Financing Strategy (August 2004)
- NC OneMap Five Year Financing: Detailed Costs (August 2004)
- NC OneMap CGIA Expansion Budget Request (October 2004)
- Plans from other states
 - California Strategic Plan
 - Maryland Strategic Plan
 - Maryland I-Team Plan (2001)
 - Oregon Statewide GIS Utility
 - Utah I-Team Plan (2001)
 - Tennessee Spatial Data Architecture (1999)
 - Delaware I-Team Plan
- Implementation Plan for the mapping of digital surface waters in NC (2005)
- Stream Mapping – Phase II Expansion Budget Request (March 2006)
- NC OneMap – Expansion Budget Request (March 2006)
- NGPO A Plan for Action USGS Open File Report 2005-1379 (November 2005)
- U.S. FGDC Activities Related to Return on Investment (January 2006, Nebert)
- Enhancing and Managing a Shared GIS Database, Summary Report by the Interagency Leadership Team (March 2006)
- G.S. Article 3D, §147-33.72A through §147 - 33.113, State Information Technology Services
- G.S. Article 76, §143-725 through §143-727, Geographic Information Coordinating Council

Accomplishments

Following are a few of the key accomplishments to date:

- Compilation of reference material and associated plans
- Development of project pathway with appropriate support and approval from Council membership, especially members of the Management and Operations Committee
- Development and pre-development of expansion budget request material for 2006 and 2007 budget planning (March 2006, September 2006)
- In associated activity, the expansion budget planning in March 2006 led to an action of the General Assembly to include FY06-07 funds (\$150,000) to enhance NC OneMap system on the goal to provide 24-7 access and to provide technical assistance to local governments who connect to NC OneMap. This action in the State Budget includes one new recurring position at CGIA and is the first time NC OneMap is acknowledged in the state budget. Key elements of this effort will be included in the development of the business case resulting from the project.

Next Steps

The following two items will be a focus of project work in the coming weeks:

- Continue development of the Strategic Plan
- Develop detailed work plan for ROI to support Business Case

Assistance

No additional assistance is requested at this time

Program

Observations

None at this time, TBD

