Geodata.gov the newly updated portal of the Geospatial One-Stop electronic government initiative makes it easier, faster, and less expensive for all levels of government and the public to share and access data and other information resources. Geodata.gov provides a marketplace for exchange of information on future investments in geospatial information and provides opportunities for collaboration and intergovernmental partnerships. Geospatial community groups can develop customized data content and communicate with others in their communities.

Community Information

Communities provide "two clicks" to content for quick access to some of the most relevant data sources for a data category, such as live mapping services, applications, downloadable data, standards, and links to Web sites of interest. Information in the communities is a small subset of the data in the portal.

The data categories are framework data groups defined by International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard 19115, with additional communities for special interest and local governments.

Each Community section is developed and maintained by a team of users with a common interest. Community members can participate in an online forum, utilize document sharing functions, or find current community events.

Online tools provide community managers the ability to rapidly respond to national disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and fires by quickly developing customized communities with relevant geospatial resources and information.

Examples of communities that are available include Administrative and Political Boundaries, Business and Economic, Cadastral, Environment and Conservation, Transportation Networks, Oceans and Coasts, Homeland Security, Cultural, Society and Demographic, as well as Imagery and Basemaps.

Communities may be added for local governments or for other areas of interest.

Communities Home Page

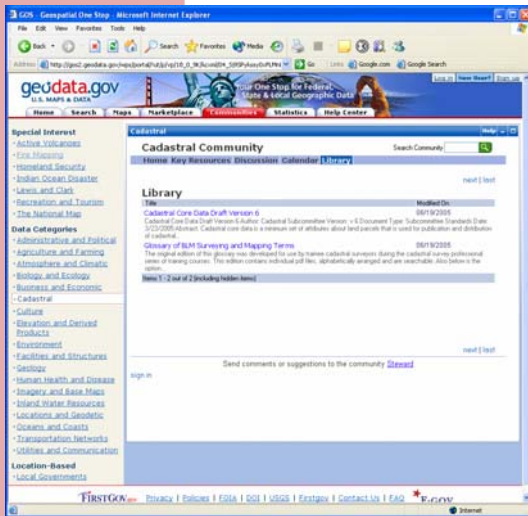*Communities Provide "Two Clicks" to Content*

Community Features

Communities Can Be Divided into Sub-communities

The Communities provide quick access to some of the most relevant data sets, applications, map services, and Web sites for the public without the need to search the entire portal.

The community K*ey Resources* are a very small subset of the thousands of resources in the portal. The *Search* function provides additional capabilities for finding other resources referenced in the portal.

The community also provides:

- A *Library* to view and download reference documents, data standards, publications, and other resources.
- A *Discussion* forum to communicate with members of your community.
- A *Calendar* to view meetings and events of special interest to the community.
- A *What's New* section to view changes that have been made to the community over the last week.

By logging on to the portal you will be able to:

- Create a new discussion thread.
- Respond to issues and questions in the forum.
- Interact with community members.

To send comments, suggestions, recommended content, or documents for the community pages, contact the community lead by clicking on the *community steward* link at the bottom of each community page.

Documents in the Library Can Be Shared with Others

Communities provide a dynamic way to stay in touch, find relevant content, and to share resources with others who have a common interest.

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