



# NSDI COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM

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The National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) represents a broad consortium of government agencies and non-government organizations that work together to promote more cost-effective production, ready availability, and greater utilization of geospatial data across a wide range of disciplines. The NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) was established by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) to help form partnerships among organizations to implement the NSDI.

The CAP funds innovation in the geospatial community to build the infrastructure necessary to effectively share, manage, and use digital geographic data. Some of the pieces that fit into this broad effort are people, organizational know-how, collaboration, best business practices, education, technology, tools, the Internet, standards and data. Collaboration has become an integral part of geospatial organizations in leveraging the limited resources available to them to meet the demand of communities to create and use geospatial data for sound decision-making.

CAP participation is open to all sectors, except for Federal agencies, and has included:

- ❖ State governments
- ❖ County and City governments
- ❖ Tribal organizations and governments
- ❖ Academic institutions
- ❖ Regional organizations
- ❖ Private organizations

## Additional Information

NSDI CAP news and activities are available on-line at <http://www.fgdc.gov/grants> or contact Brigitta Urban-Mathieux at [burbanma@fgdc.gov](mailto:burbanma@fgdc.gov).

## CAP AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- ❖ Documenting, implementing, and providing outreach for geospatial standards including metadata
- ❖ Expanding geographic information coordination across and between organizational levels
- ❖ Promoting geospatial best practices
- ❖ Advancing geospatial related Web services
- ❖ Advancing NSDI Framework data
- ❖ Creating clearinghouses and online applications to support geospatial data discovery and exchange

## CAP FUNDING PHILOSOPHY

- ❖ Reach new organizations
- ❖ Implement proven solutions
- ❖ Sustainable projects
- ❖ Encourage/require partnerships and collaboration
- ❖ Seed funding
- ❖ Require in-kind resource match (dollars) as appropriate
- ❖ Fund infrastructure development
- ❖ Once implemented move on to new startups

## CAP PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- ❖ Funding in categories
- ❖ Cooperative Agreement funding vehicle
- ❖ Encourage information exchange
- ❖ One year performance period
- ❖ Projects results can be measured
- ❖ Since 1994, over 700 projects funded
- ❖ Grants range between \$25,000 to \$50,000