

**National Geospatial Advisory Committee**  
**National Geospatial Strategy – *Strategic Vision***  
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**Vision of the Desired Future State**

"The Nation and its citizens value and are empowered by geospatial resources"

**Vivid description of the Desired Future State**

Implementing the National Geospatial Strategy will result in a future state where:

- Citizens take for granted the geospatial infrastructure that serves to foster economic vitality, manage resources, advance health initiatives, protect the homeland, support science, govern the Nation, and otherwise enrich the lives of all Americans;
- Authoritative and interoperable geospatial information and tools are available, accessible, and routinely used;
- Citizens rely on the availability of pervasive and ubiquitous geospatial information from the public domain and a thriving geospatial marketplace;
- The value of national geospatial resources is so well understood by Americans that its ongoing development is easily and continuously sustained;
- Commercial, academic, nonprofit organizations, and all levels of government operate under a shared governance structure, share a common set of goals and objectives, coordinate and leverage their efforts;
- Partners from all sectors work collaboratively with a common set of policies, procedures, standards, and data models;
- Roles and responsibilities for all partners are well defined and participants have incentives and are accountable for producing results;
- Coordinated policies ensure enhanced access to current data as well as enduring access to historic content valued by the nation;
- Development of the national geospatial infrastructure is supported by sustained and equitable cost sharing among partners;
- Incentives are in place to ensure cost-effective initiatives, continuous progress, and innovation;
- A skilled and educated work force is in place to exploit the full potential of geospatial resources to benefit society;
- The United States provides international leadership in the global geospatial community; and
- Emerging business technologies embrace the concept of place.

*“Get Place - Get Geospatial - Get It! for a Nationwide Community”*