

## Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

### ENTERPRISE POLICY – P1000 GENERAL POLICIES

Category: P1070 – GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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#### I. AUTHORITY

Authority: Idaho Code § 67-833

Idaho statute states, in part, “the Idaho Technology Authority shall:

Within the context of its strategic plans, establish statewide information technology and telecommunications policies, standards, guidelines, conventions, and comprehensive risk assessment criteria that will assure uniformity and compatibility of such systems within state agencies;”

#### II. ABSTRACT

This policy defines geographic information systems as an integral part of the State’s enterprise information technology (IT) architecture and agencies’ business processes. It recognizes the need for compatible data, applications, and technology to support interoperability among agencies.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

See ITA Guideline [G105](#) (ITA Glossary of Terms) for definitions.

#### IV. POLICY

The State of Idaho recognizes the value of GIS and its role as a component of information technology. GIS use is encouraged whenever it supports business needs. Digital spatial data are essential to almost all sectors of the State’s economy, and it is the State's policy to acquire and support GIS through well-planned implementation strategies. These strategies include:

1. Adopting an enterprise model for GIS;
2. Developing and maintaining data standards for core framework data;
3. Supporting the use of the State geospatial clearinghouse for data sharing;
4. Developing and maintaining contracts for State agency use covering the purchase of GIS software and hardware;
5. Relying on the State GIS Coordinator to coordinate among GIS user groups in the State; and
6. Recognizing the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) as a body for the GIS community to facilitate the use, development, sharing, and management of geospatial data; and to communicate the values of geographic information to citizens and decision-makers.

The IGC's role, as defined by Executive Order 2001-07, is to provide policy-level direction and promote efficient and effective use of resources for matters related to geographic information.

## **V. EXEMPTION PROCESS**

Refer to ITA Policy [P1010](#) (Information Technology Policies, Standards, and Guidelines Framework).

## **VI. PROCEDURE REFERENCE**

Standards for GIS are contained in ITA Standards [S4210](#) (Single Zone Coordinate System for GIS Data) and [S4220](#) (Geospatial Metadata). ITA Guideline [G420](#) (Roles of GIS Participants) outlines the roles of the various participants involved in statewide GIS activities.

## **VII. CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information, contact the ITA Staff at (208) 605-4064.

### **REVISION HISTORY**

05/16/2019 – Updated Section III. Definitions.

07/01/2018 – Updated Idaho statute references.

07/22/2014 – Updated Section I. Authority to be consistent with Idaho statute.

07/01/2013 – Changed "ITRMC" to "ITA".

06/16/2009 – Added Exemption Process and Revision History to this policy; changed the layout and deleted Timeline.

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