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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-07**

**ESTABLISHING THE IDAHO GEOSPATIAL COUNCIL**

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*WHEREAS, government agencies and private industries have developed powerful computer systems designed to process and analyze map and other information collectively called geospatial information; and*

*WHEREAS, these systems, referred to as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), significantly increase efficiency for conducting land, water, demographic, social, health and other management activities, and are linked as components of Idaho's information management activities; and*

*WHEREAS, geospatial information produced and maintained by organizations provide a valuable information infrastructure for public and private entities; and*

*WHEREAS, GIS assists all levels of government in carrying out their mandated responsibilities more efficiently, with better services to citizens and as a valuable tool for scientific investigation, emergency response, resource management and many other areas; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important to provide channels of communication and cooperation among agencies of the State of Idaho, federal agencies, local and tribal governments, private organizations, educational institutions and the citizens of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to facilitate and promote the cooperation and coordination of programs, policies, products and resources using GIS to maximize opportunities and minimize inefficiencies; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to develop and implement policies, standards, and guidelines for producing and sharing geospatial information; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to support the ongoing development of technical infrastructure, including a clearinghouse/data portal in order to foster the sharing and use of geospatial information; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to promote best practices and raise awareness of the potential inherent in geospatial information; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature annually appropriates a significant amount of State funds for agency GIS activities that benefit from coordination; and*

*WHEREAS, GIS activities and implementation have a long-term economic benefit to the citizens of Idaho;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order:*

- 1. The Idaho Geospatial Committee is now called the Idaho Geospatial Council.*
- 2. the Idaho Geospatial Council represents the Idaho geospatial community and shall be composed of representatives with knowledge and interest in geospatial technologies from all stakeholder groups, including state government, federal government, regional government, county government, municipal government, tribal government, higher education institutions, public utilities, private companies, and the public at large.*
- 3. a decision-making and steering body called the Idaho Geospatial Council Executive Committee (Executive Committee) shall be formed. Standing members of the Executive Committee shall be Idaho's Geospatial Information Officer, the USGS Federal Liaison, the Clearinghouse/Portal Manager, and the GIS Training and Research Center Manager. The Council shall elect twelve (12) additional members to the Executive Committee from Council membership, forming a committee of sixteen (16) members. The 12 additional members elected shall provide a balanced representation of stakeholder groups as specified in the bylaws. The Chair shall be elected from among the Executive Committee members as defined in the bylaws. Executive Committee membership will be approved by the Information Technology Resource Management Council.*
- 4. the purpose of the Idaho Geospatial Council acting through the Executive Committee is to provide policy-level direction and promote efficient and effective use of resources for matters related to geospatial Information. To that end they shall:*
  - a. promote cooperation among all stakeholder groups in addressing geographic data and information needs and services in Idaho;*
  - b. review priorities for statewide geospatial Information needs and assist in the development of projects, plans, policies, standards, priorities and guidelines for geographic information;*
  - c. facilitate cooperative and contract arrangements to develop and maintain high-priority geospatial databases, applications, and services, collectively referred to as the Idaho Spatial Data Infrastructure (ISDI);*
  - d. promote and seek financial support for ISDI as described and planned in the Strategic and Business Plans for Development and Deployment of Idaho's Spatial Data Infrastructure (March 2009); and*
  - e. provide recommendations to ITRMC, the Governor and the Legislature, when appropriate, concerning issues related to geospatial Information in Idaho.*
- 5. The Idaho Geospatial Council Executive Committee will appoint subcommittees consistent with the needs of the Council.*
- 6. The Idaho Geospatial Council and Executive Committee will each meet at least twice a year and all meetings are open to all interested parties.*
- 7. The Idaho Geospatial Council Executive Committee shall receive administrative support from the Information Technology Resource Management Council staff.*
- 8. The Idaho Geospatial Council Executive Committee shall prepare and submit a report annually to the Information Technology Resource Management Council describing the Council's activities and achievements of the previous year. Additionally, the report shall include bylaws for this Council and provide a progress report on the Idaho Spatial Data Infrastructure initiative, as set forth in the Strategic and Business Plans for Development and Deployment of Idaho's Spatial Data Infrastructure (March 2009).*

*This Executive Order shall cease to be effective four years from the date it is effective.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.*

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