

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-52

Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure Initiative

- WHEREAS, data that can be analyzed based on its geographic location "spatial data" is essential to planning and operations in many levels of government and in the private sector;
- WHEREAS, LOUISIANA: VISION 2020 has identified public policy goals which require dependable accurate spatial data resources;
- WHEREAS, the private sector has a similar need for dependable and accurate spatial data;
- WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana will benefit from the cost savings created by eliminating the duplication of data collection, creation, and maintenance;
- WHEREAS, in 1995, the Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council (hereafter "LGISC") to guide the sound development of geographic information systems and geographically related information technology for the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS, the LGISC has developed guidelines for the required sharing of spatial data resources;
- WHEREAS, the LGISC has a record of supporting innovative partnerships that leverage federal, state, and private sector resources to create spatial data;
- WHEREAS, a need for a National Spatial Data Infrastructure (hereafter "NSDI") to provide a framework for organizing a wide variety of critical data sets nationwide was addressed by Presidential Executive Order No. 12906;
- WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the need to take part in the National Spatial Data Infrastructure by establishing and maintaining a Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure;
- WHEREAS, the LGISC promotes the development of ten (10) key framework layers as the foundation of the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure;
- WHEREAS, the LGISC has resolved to support the Framework Implementation Team Initiative (I-Team), the project designed by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to implement state and regional portions of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and to lead the I-Team effort in Louisiana;
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana I-Team to be effective should include all agencies that produce and distribute spatial data;
- WHEREAS, establishing a Louisiana I-Team would leverage the state's financial resources with those of the federal government and the private sector to meet both state and federal data development goals;
- NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1: The Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council (hereafter "LGISC") shall serve as the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure Team (hereafter "Louisiana I-Team").
- SECTION 2: The LGISC is hereby granted the authority to extend membership in the Louisiana I-Team to the geospatial industry, all levels of government and the geospatial user community to include academia, and the private sector.
- SECTION 3: The LGISC shall designate an I-Team Coordinator.
- SECTION 4: The Louisiana I-Team shall create a master plan for the development and management of the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure and to involve all sectors of the Louisiana geospatial community. The master plan shall include, but is not limited to the following:
1. Definition and prioritization of framework data layers;
 2. Establishment of custodianship of data layers;
 3. Assess the needed enhancements to the framework data layers; and
 4. Identification of resources needed for the implementation, maintenance, and use of the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure.
- SECTION 5: The Louisiana I-Team shall submit a status report on the implementation of the master plan to the governor by September 1st of each year.
- SECTION 6: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Louisiana I-Team shall be provided by the Office of Information Technology.
- SECTION 7: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Louisiana I-Team in implementing the provisions of this Order.
- SECTION 8: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of October, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State