

ANNOUNCEMENT

MAKING GOVERNMENT DATA WORK BETTER FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON

New State Initiative: Geospatial Coordination between State and Local Government

Citizens of Washington are entitled to see government run efficiently and effectively. In order to do this, all governmental entities need to work together to ensure that taxes are levied properly, voters are assigned to the right districts, and business permits are processed correctly the first time.

Legal responsibility for the collection and maintenance of valuable data resides with city, county, and state levels of government. Various state agencies often collect local government data, expending a significant amount of efforts on data consolidation and enhancements for state business purposes. This results in unnecessary duplication of effort for all levels of government.

Many state and local entities have indicated that they have reached capacity and are unable to take on new cross-agency data work. However, a solution to this problem is to purposefully coordinate efforts between all levels of government.

BECAUSE:

- Accurate state, county and municipal boundary data are required when consolidating data from multiple government entities into single, statewide data products; and
- City and urban growth boundary data are important to local and state agency business functions (e.g. commute trip reduction and setting population estimates); and
- Real property parcels data creation and maintenance happens at the local level and these data are needed by local and state agency for multiple business purposes (e.g. aviation navigation); and
- Road data is needed for local and state business reporting and analysis requirements to meet the federal All-Roads LRS system for Washington; and
- Addressing officials reside at the local level, but a statewide master addressing system is needed by state agencies that are involved in permitting, voting, taxing and emergency services; and
- The national Next Generation 911 system requires states to have compiled administrative boundary (county, municipal and addressed street) layers. It also recommends that address points, cell tower and antenna, parcel and imagery layers exist; and
- Benefits and cost savings to cities, counties, and state agencies will result from closer coordination, and integration and sharing of these data sets.

THUS:

The State Geospatial Program Office within the Office of the Chief Information Officer will enter into data coordination and sharing agreements with all interested counties, cities, and tribal governments. *It will:* leverage existing federal and state data standards; facilitate the identification of data creation and maintenance practices; set map accuracy guidelines for data creation and maintenance; and provide access to the infrastructure needed to facilitate the storage, collection, and integration of the above mentioned layers. This effort will make it easier for all parties to take advantage of the geospatial work being conducted across all levels of government. This initiative will provide the biggest cost benefit for consolidated statewide geospatial layers for the widest business use.