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2008 ILLINOIS GIS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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This survey is designed for both users and non-users of GIS. The purpose of the survey is to acquire a better understanding of the current status and perspectives of GIS across the entire state, and the information gathered should be useful to everybody interested in governmental use of GIS in Illinois.

Please select one item and click next.

- Yes, I would like to participate
- No, I choose not to participate

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a system of hardware and software designed for the capture, storage, retrieval, analysis and display of geographically referenced data to support inquiry and decision-making in research, planning and management of natural resources, demographic data, transportation, infrastructure, and other geospatial information.

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Please select one from the following that best describes your organization.

- College / University
- County
- Federal
- Municipality, 0-15,000
- Municipality 15,000-30,000
- Municipality, 30,000-60,000
- Municipality, over 60,000
- Non-Profit Organization
- Regional Planning Commission / Council
- State
- Other, please specify

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Please select one from the following that best fits your job position.

- Agency Director / Executive Director
- City Manager
- College / University faculty
- College / University other than faculty
- County Administrator
- Department Head / Assistant Department Head
- Elected Official
- GIS Manager
- Supervisor
- Staff, GIS user
- Staff, non-GIS user
- Other, please specify

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What function or functions best describe your job responsibility?

Please check all that apply.

- Academic / Educational
- Economic Development
- Government
- Health
- Homeland Security
- Natural Resource Management
- Planning
- Public Safety
- Regulatory
- Tax Assessment
- Transportation
- Other, please specify

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During an average week, how many hours do you use a computer for work related responsibilities?

- Less than 1 hour per week
- 1 to 2 hours
- 3 to 5 hours
- 6 to 10 hours
- 11 to 20 hours
- 21 to 30 hours
- Over 30 hours per week

What type of Internet access is available in your department or organization?

- High Speed (Cable, DSL, Wireless, etc.)
- Leased Line (T1, T3, Frame Relay, etc.)
- Dial-up
- None
- Don't know
- Other, please describe

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Does your unit maintain an Internet website?

- Yes, please provide URL or web address
- No

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Do you personally use GIS in your work?

- Yes, frequently
- Yes, occasionally
- No, but it would be useful to my work
- No

How long has your department or organization been using GIS?

- Less than one year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years
- Not currently, but plan to implement GIS within the next year
- Not currently, but plan to implement GIS sometime beyond the next year
- Not using GIS
- Don't know

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How long have you personally been using GIS in your work?

- 1 year or less
- 2-3 years
- 4-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years

Select the general category that best describes your department's use of GIS.

- Planning stage
- Early development stage
- Some limited production use is taking place.
- Department is actively creating and maintaining major data resources.
- Department has developed all major needed data resources and maintains them.
- Consultants are developing GIS data; department has no plans for in-house GIS.
- Consultants are developing GIS data; department plans to have GIS in-house.
- Don't know

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For what broad applications is GIS being used or planned in your department?

Please check all that apply.

- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Emergency Dispatch
- Emergency Management
- Environment
- Health
- Land Cover
- Land Use
- Law Enforcement
- Permit Review
- Planning
- Tax Assessment
- Transportation
- Vehicle Tracking
- Zoning
- Other, please describe

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Does your department employ GIS staff?

Please check all that apply.

- One or more full-time GIS positions
- One or more part-time GIS positions
- One or more GIS interns
- Regular staff has learned to use GIS software
- Department uses consultant to develop GIS products
- No GIS staff
- Other, please describe

Where does your department obtain GIS data?

Please check all that apply.

- All from external government agencies
- Some from external government agencies
- All purchased or licensed from external commercial sources
- Some purchased or licensed from external commercial sources
- Some created in-house
- Majority created in-house
- Develop or acquire GIS data through partnerships with other agencies
- Don't know

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Is access to any of your department's GIS data subject to restrictions?

Please check all that apply.

- Law enforcement data
- Health data
- Data purchased or licensed from government agencies
- Data purchased or licensed from commercial sources
- Military data
- No restrictions
- Other, please describe

What is your primary GIS software for data creation and maintenance?

- AutoCAD
- Bentley Microstation
- Erdas Imagine
- ESRI ArcGIS
- Intergraph
- Don't know
- Other, please describe

Are you using a standard for compiling documentation (metadata) about your GIS data?

- Yes, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) standard
- Yes, internal agency standard
- Yes, library standard (MARC, Dublin CORE)
- Yes, other, please describe below
- No
- Don't know

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Does your department participate in larger GIS program within your organization or agency?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Does your department provide GIS data to other organizations?

Please check all that apply.

- Yes, some government agencies
- Yes, some non-profit agencies / organizations
- Yes, some regulated private sector companies
- Yes, data that is regarded as public domain
- Yes, data are presented on the web for public access
- No, department's GIS data is only used internally

Does your department charge a fee to provide or to access your GIS data?

- Yes
- Sometimes, depending on circumstances or on case-by-case basis
- No

Concerning Illinois statutes about access and costs issues, please respond to the following comments by selecting one of the five categories.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Illinois statutes governing public access to GIS data are clear and easy to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Illinois statutes governing costs for GIS data are clear and easy to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How does your department charge a fee to provide or to access your GIS data?

Please check all that apply.

- We sell some data at the cost of reproduction.
- We license use of some of our data and charge a fee that helps recover the cost of creating and maintaining it.
- We sell copies of our data at a price that helps recover the cost of creating and maintaining it.
- We provide some data at no charge to other government agencies.
- We provide some data at no charge to other organizations in exchange for receiving data from them.
- Other, please describe

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Please prioritize the top five useful types of geospatial information GIS could provide to your department or organization, with '1' being the most useful.

- Aerial photography/digital orthophotography
- Elevation - contours, DEM, DTM, LiDAR, etc.
- Geology - surficial, bedrock, aquifers, etc.
- Jurisdictional boundaries - counties, municipalities, public land survey, etc.
- Land Cover
- Land Use
- Public lands - parks, forest preserves, etc.
- Railroads
- Roads
- Soils
- Structures
- Tax Parcels
- Water
- Wetlands
- Zoning
- Other, please describe

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Where do you personally obtain information about GIS?

Please check all that apply.

- Illinois GIS Association conferences, workshops, and newsletters
- Other professional associations
- Vendor-based classes and conferences
- Specialty GIS conferences
- College / University classes or workshops
- Magazines or newsletters
- Internet websites
- Blogs
- Podcasts
- Colleagues
- Other, please describe

Please list a few specific examples of where you personally obtain GIS information.

Are you personally aware of the Illinois GIS Clearinghouse, an Internet site providing access to geospatial data?

- Yes, have downloaded data and find the information useful
- Yes, have downloaded data, but found the information not of particular value
- Yes, have visited the website, but have not downloaded any data
- Yes, but never utilized the website
- No, I'm not aware of the Illinois GIS Clearinghouse

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Please provide any comments or suggestions you have about the Illinois GIS Clearinghouse.

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Select the statement below that best describes your involvement regarding ILGISA, the Illinois Geographic Information Systems Association.

- Not familiar with ILGISA
- Aware of ILGISA, but don't know anything about it
- Not a current member, but have attended at least one ILGISA conference
- Current member; attended at least one ILGISA conference
- Current member; have not attended an ILGISA conference

Please prioritize the following broad issues as they affect GIS in Illinois from '1' through '8', with '1' being the highest priority.

- Communication among organizations
- Coordination
- Data resources and availability
- Data sharing and distribution
- Education and training
- Funding
- Legislative support
- Standards

If there are any other issues, please describe in the space provided.

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Within Illinois, who should assume the responsibility for developing GIS standards?

Please check all that apply.

- Agencies having similar responsibilities should cooperatively develop common standards.
- Department of Homeland Security standards should be used as applicable.
- FGDC standards for metadata and other topics should be used as applicable.
- Independent advisory board should establish mandatory standards for all governmental agencies.
- Individual agency or organization that creates the GIS data.
- State of Illinois should establish mandatory standards for all government agencies.
- U.S. Postal Service addressing standards should be used.
- Other, please describe

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Should the State of Illinois fund the cost to implement GIS standards?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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Who should pay the cost to implement GIS standards?

- Each government agency directly affected by the standards
- The State of Illinois
- Other, please describe

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How is your GIS program funded?

Please check all that apply.

- Budgeted in another department, but our department pays for the resources used.
- County government; some costs covered by the GIS Recorders Fee
- Budgeted within our department or organization
- County government; all costs covered by the GIS Recorders Fee
- No regular or general revenue budget; department relies upon grants/contracts
- Revenue from sale of data and/or services
- Don't know
- Other, please describe

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Does your department or organization have plans to implement GIS?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please indicate any impediments to implementing GIS in your department or organization.

Please check all that apply.

- Budget restrictions
- Don't know how to get started
- Lack of understanding or support by decision makers
- No computer support staff available
- No GIS staff available
- No training opportunities
- No time, too busy
- Other, please describe

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What applications do you think GIS could be most useful to your department or organization?

Please check all that apply.

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- Economic Development
- Emergency Dispatch
- Emergency Management
- Environment
- Health
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Please indicate your level of agreement with the following questions:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My department would make use of a program in Illinois to assist in identifying and applying for grants.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My department would make use of a program in Illinois to assist in creating and supporting partnerships with other agencies and organizations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My department is willing to cooperate in joint funding partnerships with other agencies and organizations in order to develop needed GIS data.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My department is willing to share GIS data with other government agencies in order to establish regional capabilities such as public safety, emergency services applications, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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What is your level of interest in attending GIS conferences, classes or workshops?

- Very interested
- Interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not interested

Please indicate any impediments keeping you from participating in GIS conferences, classes or workshops.

Please check all that apply.

- Budget restrictions
- Department or organization doesn't encourage or allow participation
- No time, I'm too busy
- No impediments, I'm just not interested
- Other, please describe

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Please provide any additional comments or information about GIS, mapping, or other related topics that may be useful to this survey

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First Name Last Name

Current Job Title or Position

Mailing Address

ZIP Code

Preferred email address

Telephone Number

FAX Number

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Please indicate why you choose not to participate.

- I don't know anything about my department or organization's use of GIS.
- My department or organization doesn't use GIS and has no interest in doing so.
- My department or organization is interested in using GIS but I'm not the appropriate person.
Please enter a name and email address for the appropriate person in the space provided below.
- Other reason, please specify

Please provide any comments that may be useful to this survey.

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