



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2001-06

WHEREAS, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) is currently being used and developed across North Dakota by local, state and federal agencies, as well as the business community; and

WHEREAS, GIS medium serves as a valuable medium for scientific investigation, resource management, and development planning; and

WHEREAS, GIS provides a computer system for storing, assembling, manipulating, and displaying geographically referenced material; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to coordinate these efforts to provide a cost effective, efficient means of assembling and distributing this information among interested agencies and parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Hoeven, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby establish the Geographic Information System Technical Committee (GISTC) to be composed of representatives from each state agency as set forth below:

ND Health Department	ND Department of Transportation
ND Water Commission	ND Geological Survey
ND Parks and Recreation	ND Information Technology Department (ITD)
ND Game and Fish Department	

The GIS Technical Committee shall be chaired by the ITD, and shall issue to other state, local, federal agencies and members of the business community interested in geographical information systems, an invitation to participate in the committee as associate members.

The GIS Technical Committee shall serve as advisory council to the full committee including associate members, and shall coordinate and provide overview of GIS activities within the state, will be available to review proposed GIS projects, and shall serve as the executive committee. The Committee shall also act as a clearinghouse of GIS activities, including the orderly accumulation and dissemination of digital-spatial data (DSD).

State agencies and committee members are requested to report DSD holdings to the Committee at the end of each fiscal year, which will be maintained by North Dakota Geological Survey. The committee shall issue a report to the Governor's office at the end of each fiscal year, detailing progress, and problems encountered with GIS development in the state.

The Committee shall appoint a State Mapping Advisory Committee (SMAC), subject to my approval, which shall be chaired by the NDGS, and which will coordinate and prioritize mapping activities within the state.

This order is issued upon the following bases and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. A SMAC is needed to coordinate and prioritize mapping requirements in the state, and its recommendations greatly enhance the likelihood of federal support for mapping requirements in the state.
3. A GISTC is needed to keep the agencies and public of North Dakota informed, with respect to advances in GIS technologies, upcoming GIS projects, standards, and DSD availability.

This executive order will continue until modified or rescinded, and replaces Executive Order 1995-05 which is hereby rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 18th day of July 2001.

/s/
JOHN HOEVEN
Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

By: /s/
Cory G. Fong
Deputy