

Kansas is preparing a new Statewide GIS Strategic Plan.

As a valued GIS stakeholder, your input is **crucial!**

*What is working? What could be done better?*

The Kansas Geographic Information Systems Policy Board invites you to take part in the shaping of a new Strategic Plan for Kansas GIS Initiatives.

The intent of this plan is to evaluate Kansas' statewide GIS environment and establish strategies that will eliminate data gaps, enhance services, and improve collaboration across the entire state.

As a decision maker or practitioner, your insights are valuable, and your thoughts on the future direction of GIS in Kansas are of great interest to us. If you were unable to attend the prior **stakeholder information gathering session** on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Topeka, KS, please come to the second session in Salina to learn about the process and to share your ideas for advancing the state's GIS program.

The session will last about four hours and will be facilitated by professional consultants from the firm: Applied Geographics, Inc., of Boston Massachusetts, with assistance from members of the Kansas GIS Policy Board's Technical Advisory Committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007\***

Saline County Extension Office

300 W Ash St., Room 109

Salina, KS 67401-2335

1:00-4:30 PM

**To RSVP to the meeting**, or for more information, please contact Ivan Weichert, (785) 296-0257, [ivan.weichert@da.ks.gov](mailto:ivan.weichert@da.ks.gov), at the Kansas Information Technology Office.

**\*Important Note:** If you can't attend this session but you wish to participate in this process, please send your comments and suggestions to Mr. Weichert.

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## Planning Session Agenda:

1. Overview and background
  - a. Description of the current planning project
  - b. Overview of GIS in Kansas today
  - c. 50 States Initiative, and support for statewide strategic and business planning
  - d. Discussion of GIS program gaps in Kansas
2. Interactive discussion:
  - a. Identification of greatest problems, needs and opportunities
  - b. Prioritization among identified needs

## Questions for Discussion:

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of existing statewide GIS efforts in Kansas? What are your suggestions for improvement (e.g. coordination, establishing standards, providing funding, etc)?
- What local and/or statewide issues (e.g. emergency management, alternative fuels, etc.) stand to gain the most from GIS?
- What data sets (parcels, orthos, elevation, etc) are you currently maintaining and developing at a local level?
- Does your organization have any unmet data needs?
- Are there any constraints (technical or otherwise) that prevent you from collaborating or sharing data with the Kansas GIS Data Access and Support Center?
- Are there any applications or other services (e.g. web services, offsite backup services, technical assistance or help with GIS procurement, etc.) that the state could or should provide that would make your job easier?



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