

Introduction

Section 16.967(b) of Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Natural Resources and other major state agencies to provide information regarding agency land information integration and modernization activities to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA). In previous years these Plans followed a standard document format. For 2009 Curtis Pulford, the State Geographic Information Officer (GIO) at DOA, restructured the reporting format utilizing a Web survey named, "Land Information and Modernization Survey" (LIIMS). Successful completion of LIIMS fulfills the DNR's statutory reporting requirement, and helps support the GIO's long-term goal of demonstrating return on geospatial investments.

As explained by the GIO in the LIIMS Instructions, "Completion of this survey will help your agency identify its internal land information resources and plan for future integration and modernization activities. A complete LIIMS report will now provide a unique view into how land information impacts your agency's decision making process across common business delivery areas. And, utilizing the Web survey format will facilitate the efficient collection and sharing of this information within and across agencies."

During March and April, DNR staff provided LIIMS Survey responses on behalf of 50 DNR business program areas which utilize geospatial data, applications or infrastructure. The DNR LIIMS Survey responses articulate the business need for geospatial technologies among a wide variety of program areas ranging from the Air & Waste Division's Air Monitoring and Air Facility Locations programs, to the Forestry Division's Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS), to the Water Division's Impaired Waters and Floodplain Engineering programs.

Staff in the DNR Bureau of Technology Services, GIS Services Section worked with DOA's Office of the GIO to extract the core DNR 2009 LIIMS online Web Survey information and convert it into this text-format report. Several LIIMS Survey questions focusing on specific geospatial data usage for each business program area were presented in checkbox and matrix formats which do not convert readily to text-based format; those survey responses are not included in this report. The report includes all relevant text format responses provided by DNR program staff completing the business survey to date. Some additional information may become available at a later date, and will be registered in the GIO's Survey database. We will provide an updated version of this report during July 2009 incorporating any additional survey information submitted after April 17, 2009.

For more information about the DNR 2009 LIIMS Survey responses or about how this LIIMS Report was prepared, contact:

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