



New Strategic and Business Plans  
Stakeholder Workshop  
District of Columbia Geographic Information System (DC GIS)  
Your Participation is Requested

**Save the Date**

The **District of Columbia Office of The Chief Technology Officer**, and the **United States Geological Survey** invite you to take part in the shaping of new Strategic and Business Plans for GIS initiatives in the District of Columbia. The **planning process will be participatory, reaching within and beyond the District government** to enlist new partners in the federal government, academia, and nonprofit sectors. The intent of this process is to establish sustainable strategies to help eliminate data gaps, enhance services, and improve collaboration across the entire District. As a decision maker or practitioner, your insights are valuable, and your thoughts on the future direction of GIS in DC are of great interest to us.

Please come to the **Stakeholder Workshop** to learn about the process and to share your ideas for advancing the District's GIS program. The Workshop will last for about four hours, and will be facilitated by professional consultants from Applied Geographics, Inc. who have supported similar efforts for New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, and Utah.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Monday, December 3, 2007**

One Judiciary Square, Old Council Chambers, Ground Floor South  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
1:00-4:30

**To RSVP to the meeting**, or for more information, please contact [Cheryl.Harris@dc.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Harris@dc.gov) or 202-724-5290 no later than Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Workshop Agenda:**

1. Overview and Background
  - a. Description of the current planning project
  - b. Background on the national context
  - c. Overview of the DC GIS today
  
2. Interactive Discussion
  - a. Discussion of GIS coordination and governance in DC
  - b. Identification of greatest needs
  - c. Prioritization among identified needs

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### **Read-Ahead Questions:**

- Are you able to get everything you need from existing DC GIS services?
- What are the strengths of existing DC GIS efforts?
- What are the weaknesses?
- Are current capabilities adequate?
- What new technologies should be emphasized?
- Are the current capabilities sufficiently recognized and understood?
- What are some key opportunities to which GIS can be applied?
- Are there any applications that the District could / should provide that would make your job easier?
- Are there any constraints (technical or otherwise) that prevent you from collaborating with the DC GIS program?
- What data should be shared? What data should be restricted?
- Would you be willing to share your data for inclusion in the DC GIS program?
- Do Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws adequately address what data can / should be restricted?
- Are there any particularly important data sets that are missing?
- Is the use of DC GIS optimal? If not, why?
- How much “say” should power-users have as compared to casual users?
- What might help facilitate greater coordination with the following stakeholder groups: Federal agencies? Universities? Nonprofits?
- What are the keys to a sustainable DC GIS program?
- What is likely to threaten a sustainable program?
- What would be the most important suggestion you would make for improving GIS coordination in DC?