

Applied Geographics to Provide Statewide GIS Strategic Planning Support for New York State

BOSTON – September 2007 - The New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) has hired Applied Geographics, Inc. (AppGeo) to support the development of a statewide GIS strategic plan. The project, funded through an FGDC Cooperative Agreements Program Grant, will focus on strategies for how the state can best engage the geospatial community of New York in cooperative strategies to maintain and share National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) framework data.

“New York has a mature GIS coordination program in place and this project will build on that base,” said Michael Turner, Executive Vice President of AppGeo. “We will assist New York in soliciting input from stakeholders and in identifying strategies that will foster data sharing to the benefit of both the state and local governments.”

In coordination with the CSCIC, the NYS GIS Coordinating Body and the NYS GIS Association, AppGeo will conduct meetings around the state to gather input from stakeholders representing all levels of government and the GIS community. From these meetings, AppGeo will assess prevailing incentives, institutional structures, and relationships affecting framework data. The final report will articulate a consensus vision for broad geospatial data sharing within New York and will make specific recommendations for what is required to realize that vision.

New York is one of ten states that have engaged AppGeo to assist with their statewide strategic planning exercises. AppGeo’s state clients include Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Utah and Wyoming. In 2006, AppGeo developed GIS Strategic and Business Plan templates and a state scorecard under contract to the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) in support of the FGDC’s (Federal Geographic Data Committee) Fifty States Initiative.

About CSCIC

Established in 2002, the New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) is responsible for leading and coordinating the State’s efforts in cyber readiness, GIS, and critical infrastructure preparedness. CSCIC works collaboratively with both public and private sectors to foster communication and coordination.

About Applied Geographics, Inc.

Applied Geographics, Inc. (AppGeo, www.appgeo.com) has been providing high quality GIS services and innovative solutions to government and private sector clients since 1991. AppGeo empowers its customers to put GIS to work through the intelligent use of geographic data and applications that improve work flows and business processes. AppGeo provides a full range of GIS consulting services: GIS strategic and implementation planning, data development, custom applications, training, cartography, implementation assistance and technical support. AppGeo services are available through a variety of state blanket contracts and nationwide through its GSA IT Schedule 70.

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