

# MLIAC Presentation on GIS Governance

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## Introduction

- Initial June meeting with CIO, several GIS experts, Jennie – State Librarian
- Looking for assistance with defining a governance structure and business model for the GIS community

## Problems and Issues

- SITSD is inconsistent with GIS services and support
- SITSD services too costly, support too thin,
- agencies can't afford to build and operate their own internal infrastructures
- agencies have different objectives
- little buy-in to state standards

## Potential Mission and Objectives of the Governing Body

*The (MLIAC) annotation refers to their mission. Should MLIAC be the governing body? The items were sent in a document to the agencies as a point of discussion.*

- stabilize SITSD GIS service offerings and support over several years
- establish some measure of control over GIS related contracts (ESRI licensing, etc.)
- share application code and applications between agencies and local governments
- reduce GIS infrastructure costs for state/local government entities (MLIAC)
- develop GIS standards, policies, and architecture (MLIAC)
- obtain compliance with GIS policies, standards, and architecture (MLIAC)
- build a sustainable method to collect, maintain, and disseminate GIS data (MLIAC)
- develop an annual land information plan (MLIAC)
- focal point for disseminating information on GIS issues (MLIAC)

## Research

- Forms of a governing body
  - ✓ Informal group
  - ✓ Advisory council (such as MLIAC, ITB)
  - ✓ Inter-local association (ILA, Shared Catalog Council, a legal entity)
  - ✓ 501c4 non-profit (state employees cannot be officers)
- Interviews with 6 agencies
- SITSD rates, revenue and customers
  - ✓ \$480,000 in ESRI ELA expenditures for FY2013
  - ✓ Roughly \$140,000 in general GIS services

## Findings

- No appetite for a governance body

- No consensus on the mission/objectives of a GIS governance body
- Shared Catalog works because the participants have a common objective – no common objective here
- SITSD GIS services have related issues: high rates and low demand