



2002 NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) Closes March 15, 2002

The National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) funds innovation in the GIS community to build the infrastructure necessary to effectively share, manage, and use digital geographic data. Some of the pieces that fit into this broad effort are people, organizational know-how, best business practices, collaboration, education, tools, technology, the Internet, standards and data. This collaboration has become an integral part of GIS organizations in leveraging the limited resources available to meet the demand of communities to create and use geospatial data for sound decision-making.

Visit the FGDC web site for detailed information on these NSDI topics, and for descriptions, web site links and contact information of NSDI CAP projects.

2002 CAP

Approximately \$385,000 is available for the FY 2002 CAP program. Collaborative and sustainable projects are encouraged as well as projects that conform to state or regional GIS infrastructure goals. Federal, state and local government, academic, regional, profit and non-profit organizations may apply.

The CAP will fund projects in four areas:

(1) Don't Duck Metadata: Metadata Creation and Implementation: provides assistance to organizations in acquiring the skill and knowledge to document data for clearinghouse discovery. Metadata is a basic first step in implementing the NSDI. (\$6,000 Awards)

(2) Don't Duck Metadata: Metadata Trainer Assistance funds trainers to train organizations in metadata implementation. (\$20,000 Awards)

(3) Clearinghouse Integration with OpenGIS Services will provide funding assistance to extend clearinghouse nodes with OpenGIS Consortium compliant web mapping service capabilities and related standards-based services. (\$20,000 Awards)

(4) Canadian/U.S. Spatial Data Infrastructure Project funds projects implementing and demonstrating the ability to address sound community decision-making through the collaborative use, maintenance and sharing of geospatial data over a common geography. FGDC is collaborating with its Canadian counterpart, GeoConnections, in sponsoring this project. (\$75,000 Award, 1 project)

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2002 CAP Application Materials and Instructions will be accessible at the FGDC web site. The program open period runs from **January through March 15, 2002**. During the 60-day open period project proposals may be submitted.

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More information

- A total of \$385,000 is available for projects in 4 Categories.
- Applications are accepted from all U.S. organizations including Federal, state and local government, and academic, tribal, for profit and non-profit organizations. Federal organizations should note that these funds are for FY 2002.
- Closing date is **March 15, 2002** for the submission of proposal materials.
- One year awards will be announced this May and the project performance to begin by September 30, 2002.
- Application materials and other information is on-line at the FGDC website:

<http://www.fgdc.gov/funding/cap2002.html>

CAP Program Categories

Category 1: Metadata Implementation Assistance

This category is appropriate for organizations beginning NSDI implementation.
Funding up to \$6,000, approximately 15 projects to be funded
In-kind match of 50% required

Category 2: Metadata Trainer Assistance

Funding up to \$20,000, approximately 4-5 projects to be funded
Applicant must demonstrate knowledge of metadata.

Category 3: Clearinghouse integration with Web Services

Funding up to \$20,000, approximately 6 projects to be funded
Applicant must have a registered clearinghouse node serving metadata.

Category 4: U.S./Canadian Spatial Data Infrastructure Project

Funding up to \$75,000, one project to be funded.
In-kind match of % 100 required.
Partnerships required and documented, one partner must be from private sector.

The fine print

- Program awards are made as a cooperative agreement; it is neither a contract nor a pure grant.
- Each of the four program categories has different goals and outcomes. Submitted proposal applications should represent only one of the categories. An organization may submit for more than one category, however, each category should be represented by a separate application proposal document.
- The intent of the CAP is to assist organizations in implementing the infrastructure (NSDI) necessary to improve the ability to discover, share, maintain and use digital geographic data. Program funds are not intended to support the creation, digitizing, purchase or collection of geospatial data. Nor is funding intended to initiate, upgrade or provide on-going support of an organization's GIS operation through acquisition of equipment or staff.
- When an in-kind match is required, geospatial data cannot be used as an in-kind match. Resources such as salaries, travel expenses and equipment dedicated to the project may be used.
- Funding is provided on a monthly or quarterly cost reimbursable basis.