FGDC Annual Report to OMB – FY 2002

Part A
GENERAL FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT (All Agencies)

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5. Subcommittee or Working Group Participation (Subcommittees or Working
    Groups your agency is involved with, but does not lead).

    Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data.

6. Strategy: Has your agency prepared a detailed strategy for integrating
    geographic information and spatial data activities into your business process - in
    coordination with the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) strategy,
    pursuant to OMB Circular A-16? If yes, briefly describe.

    HHS is working on the detailed strategy. It will be completed shortly.

7. Compliance: How are your spatial data holdings compliant with FGDC
    Standards? Also, please list the FGDC Standards you are using or plan to use in
    your organization.

    We are planning to develop an HHS metadata directory for geospatial data.

8. Redundancy: Prior to collecting data, how does your agency ensure that the
    data are not already available?

    **We ensure that the data are not already through the OMB clearance
    process.**

9. Collection: Do your agency contracts and grants involving data collection include
    costs for National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) standards?

    There is no Department-wide policy to this effect.

10. Clearinghouse: Is all the data and/or metadata that your agency is able to share
    with the public published on the NSDI Clearinghouse? If not, please cite barriers
    encountered.

    **One of the major benefits of the HHS plan will be to enable HHS to share
    geospatial data with the public through a portal compatible with NSDI.**

11. E-Gov: How are you using geospatial data in your mission activities to provide better services?

The Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR) uses the Geographic Information System (GIS) to advance the mission of protecting public health by locating health and environmental events spatially.

Georeferenced mortality data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS/CDC) are publicly available on the Web.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI/NIH) uses data from the NCHS/CDC and from the Census Bureau to calculate mortality rates that are mapped and graphed on the NCI's Cancer Mortality Maps and Graphs.

Georeferenced Primary Care Service Areas (PCSAs), Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas/Medically Underserved Populations (MUA/MUP) from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) are publicly available on the Web.

12. Geospatial One-Stop: How is your agency involved in the Geospatial One-Stop?

HHS is developing an HHS portal and spatial metadata.

13. Enterprise Architecture: Is geospatial data a component of your enterprise architecture? Please provide a brief summary of how geospatial data fits into your enterprise architecture.

HHS has an "enterprise architecture" under development. Geospatial data will be a component.

14. Partnerships: What efforts are being taken to coordinate data and build partnerships at the field level for data collection and standards development? Identify partnerships and data sharing activities with other federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments and other entities.

The Steering Committee is working to establish a new and ongoing relationship with the HHS Data Council. This will provide a basis for future partnerships and data sharing activities.

15. Concerns or Lessons Learned: Are there areas or issues regarding spatial data that require attention, or lessons learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.

Not at this time.