

Position Title: State Geographic Information Officer

**Position Summary:**

The state Geographic Information Officer (GIO) is responsible for the coordination of the acquisition, management and dissemination of statewide geographic data. The position is supervised by the Georgia Geospatial Executive Council Network. The Network will establish goals and objectives for statewide coordination that will be reviewed at regularly scheduled meetings. The employee will have substantial latitude to make independent decisions regarding daily activities and actions required to achieve the goals and objectives identified by the Network. This is a contract position with the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions and with an office at the Department of Community Affairs.

**Typical Functions:**

The GIO oversees the management of spatial data and the applications it serves; and is the primary staff to support the mission of the Georgia Executive Geospatial Network and performance of the daily coordination activities. These include serving as the liaison between the Network, GISCC, GGAC, the user community, state agency needs, preparing position papers, legislative initiatives, and requests for proposals, memorandums of Agreement, grant proposals, and other documentation to accomplish coordination directives. In addition the GIO will make presentations, provide testimony, and support various State Executive and Legislative Branch staff in the preparation of GIS funding initiatives as well as preparing an annual report of GIS related activities, accomplishments and status in Georgia highlighting activities that have been enhanced by improved coordination and the economic benefits from cost reduction and new funds generated through external grants and contracts.

**Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills**

Detailed knowledge of all aspects of GIS technology and data; geospatial technology standards principles and best management practices; experience in strategic planning including cost-benefit analysis and project management; ability to develop and manage budgets, contracts, grants and procurement instruments; ability to develop and maintain relationship with state, federal and local government GIS entities. Skills in consensus building, oral and written communications, ability to work independently, and exercise appropriate discretion with minimal supervision under sometimes difficult schedules; and strong interpersonal skills.

**Minimum Qualifications**

Master's degree in Geographic Information Science, Spatial Data Management, Computer and Information Sciences or related field with 5 years of applied experience in enterprise or multi-agency level GIS management, coordination and policy development or a Bachelor's degree in like fields along with 7 years of applied experience as indicated above or 10 years of applied experience demonstrating a progressive history of management and leadership in the areas indicated above.

**Special Licensees registrations and certifications**

None required; GIS Professional certification (GISP), Association of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) or similar certification is preferred.

Please submit resume and cover letter addressed to Geospatial Network Review Committee to [charper@crc.ga.gov](mailto:charper@crc.ga.gov)



## PRESS RELEASE

### Georgia Association of Regional Commissions Announce Creation of a Geospatial Information Office (GIO) for Georgia

**Georgia-- September 2014.** Realizing the need for statewide coordination in GIS-based service delivery across all levels of government, the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC) has established the state's first Geospatial Information Office (GIO) and associated Georgia Geospatial Network (GGN). Initial funding for this groundbreaking initiative is jointly provided by a federal grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and all twelve of the State's Regional Commissions. The newly-created GIO will coordinate and partner with local governments, as well as state and federal agencies, to compile critical base maps and to establish a framework for GIS-based service delivery throughout the State.

The base maps and demographic information generated by the GIO and associated network will provide necessary data, in a unified and normalized format, that is integral to the success of local comprehensive planning, economic development, revitalization initiatives, and multi-hazard mitigation planning. This level of coordination will lead to well-planned communities which are, in turn, better equipped to attract new business and to encourage expansion of existing business.

The Geographic Information Office will utilize existing and established relationships between Regional Commissions, local governments, state agencies and other entities employing the use of geospatial data and analysis. The GIO, with help from Regional Commissions, will compile and standardize the State's diverse GIS data in support of base mapping efforts to develop statewide parcel, address, land use and building inventory databases. This level of facilitation will provide better access to GIS data, lower acquisition costs, enhance emergency management for multi-jurisdiction events and promote economic development.

Initial funding from the EDA grant and the Regional Commissions will extend for a period of two years, enabling the GIO to partner with and coordinate efforts by various groups, including the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), the University of Georgia's Information Technology Outreach Service (ITOS) and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). Concurrently, the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) is funding a third-party study to look at sustainability of the GIO beyond the initial grant period. In the meantime, the GIO will work with industry experts to transfer knowledge and develop process models for use by existing partners in the Georgia Geospatial Network.

Interested parties are invited to join the Geospatial Network to aid in the continued return on investment for Georgia. Please contact the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions.