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The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) has formally announced the request for proposals to support the 2011 National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP). A total of \$800,000 is available to award an estimated 21 innovative, geospatial-related projects that are spread across six categories. Each project will focus on ways to expand the geospatial data infrastructure that is necessary to effectively discover, access, share, manage and use digital geographic data. The application package is available [HERE](#).

The closing date for the 2010 NSDI CAP announcement is January 6, 2011. The project awards are scheduled to be announced by USGS/FGDC contracts officer in February or March 2011 with obligated work to begin on each project no later than September 30, 2011. More information is available at <http://www.fgdc.gov/grants/2011NSDICAP/2011CAPDescriptions>.

To date the annual NSDI CAP awards have supported outreach and coordination, standards and metadata implementation, partnership development, State strategic and business plan development, map and geospatial data services deployment, geo-enablement of data, and NSDI training. All levels of government, academia, and private sector have participated in this national effort to implement the NSDI. Since 1994 CAP awards have played a substantial role in advancing and promoting the goals of the NSDI to both geospatial and non-geospatial communities.

In 2010, NSDI CAP awarded a total of 26 projects, totaling over to \$1.1 million. One of the 2010 categories enables States in the development of financial business cases for collaborative spatial data infrastructure projects to gain a better understanding of the cost and more importantly the benefits of spatial data infrastructure projects. See the full list of the 2010 NSDI CAP projects at: <http://www.fgdc.gov/grants/2010CAP/2010CAPDescriptions>. To apply go to grants.gov and search for CFDA 15.809.

The FGDC, which is hosted by the USGS, sponsors the CAP to promote the technologies, standards, best practices and organizational collaboration vital to data integration, partnerships and collaborations for data investment and speedy delivery of geospatial products to support government and other stakeholders.

For more information on this program, please contact Gita Urban-Mathieux: burbanma@usgs.gov or 703-648-5175.

For further information on FGDC NSDI CAP: www.fgdc.gov; contact the FGDC Secretariat, c/o U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, Reston, VA 20192; telephone 703-648-5513; fax 703-648-5755.

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