

GSDI Member Survey 2004

To be completed by all first and second delegates of GSDI member organizations.

Purpose

This is a survey of what the members of the GSDI Association need it to do for them or for the spatial data infrastructure community as a whole. Some items on the survey describe functions or services that the GSDI Association is already doing, others are things the organization might do in the future.

Instructions

The survey consists of 35 questions and should take less than fifteen minutes to complete. Mark the most appropriate response in the right column for each statement and return the form to the address at the end of the form. We prefer that you simply *type in responses or click boxes, save the changed pdf file, and send it to kthackrey@usgs.gov*. Alternatively, you may print this form before or after you fill it in and send it by fax or mail to the address provided at the end. Please supply your name below so we can track those who have yet to respond. We will report only aggregated responses. We will continue to contact first and second delegates of GSDI Member Organizations if we do not receive a response from you.

The Survey

Your Name:

Institution:

The GSDI Association should ...

COMMUNICATIONS	
1. Host a global <i>conference</i> regularly for the association as an important place for professional networking and exchange of knowledge.	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Provide a <i>moderated news list</i> so that any member may post announcements of interest to the broad global spatial data infrastructure community.	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Regularly disseminate a <i>GSDI newsletter</i> .	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Help support publication of GSDI-affiliated multi-national <i>regional newsletters</i> .	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Be actively engaged in international <i>standards development</i> forums.	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Foster <i>discussions with international development agencies</i> of spatial data infrastructure issues.	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>
EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING	
7. Establish and maintain an <i>electronic repository for GSDI-produced reports and papers</i> prepared for conferences, meetings and workshops or developed by GSDI Association Committees.	High priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Moderate priority <input type="checkbox"/> , Low priority <input type="checkbox"/> GSDI should not do this <input type="checkbox"/> , No opinion <input type="checkbox"/>

8. Maintain an <i>electronic repository for teaching materials</i> germane to spatial data infrastructure concepts.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
9. Maintain an <i>electronic repository for any articles germane to spatial data infrastructure concepts</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
10. Maintain an <i>electronic gateway or portal to geographic data sets</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
11. Maintain and disseminate a spatial data infrastructure <i>implementation guide</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
12. Create <i>new and evolving educational and teaching materials</i> for use by GSDI members.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
13. Publish <i>case studies</i> and <i>best practices</i> addressing technical, legal, economic and institutional issues in the development of spatial data infrastructures.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
14. Determine and publicize <i>research priorities</i> for the advancement of spatial data infrastructures.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
15. Expand and strengthen education and training through <i>workshops held in conjunction with major international conferences</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
16. Expand and strengthen education and training through stand-alone <i>workshops hosted in developing nations</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
17. Offer each year an intensive <i>week-long applied training experience</i> on a selected topic of pressing interest to the global spatial data infrastructure community.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
18. Provide a clearinghouse for short-term <i>personnel exchanges</i> among agencies and organizations.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
19. Provide a clearinghouse for <i>graduate student internships</i> at agencies and organizations that could benefit from one to three month project-focused efforts by such students.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
20. Provide <i>expert assistance</i> to nations on how to implement and maintain spatial data infrastructure components.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
21. Increase <i>networking</i> among GSDI members and others interested in spatial data infrastructure concepts.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIZATION	
22. Publish and regularly update a <i>brochure explaining GSDI concepts</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
23. Provide a <i>voice for the global spatial data infrastructure community</i> at international meetings and in international policy and technical forums.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
24. Publish a <i>brochure explaining the benefits of joining the GSDI Association</i> .	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
25. Provide to member institutions <i>discounts</i> on registration fees for GSDI-sponsored conferences and workshops.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion

26. Fully <i>engage members</i> in planning through open communications and in accomplishing specific projects and tasks through the GSDI committee structure.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
27. <i>Expand the membership</i> of the GSDI Association.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
28. Establish a <i>permanent global GSDI secretariat</i> office.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
29. Hire an <i>executive director</i> to manage pursuit of the organization's priorities.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
EXTERNAL FUNDING	
30. <i>Solicit funding</i> to accomplish projects and host workshops of benefit to the global spatial data infrastructure community.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
31. Distribute timely information to member institutions about relevant <i>international development and infrastructure funding opportunities</i> on an ongoing basis.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
32. Facilitate <i>funding for projects at member institutions</i> through subcontracts administered by the GSDI Association.	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion
33. Pursue <i>funding to allow personnel from developing nations to attend GSDI-sponsored workshops and conferences.</i>	High priority , Moderate priority , Low priority GSDI should not do this , No opinion

34. Please list the **three most important things** that you think the GSDI Association should do for the spatial data infrastructure community or its members over the next three years.

35. Please provide any **additional comments**.

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