

Department of Justice Geospatial Data Strategy

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As a covered agency under the Geospatial Data Act (GDA) of 2018, the Department of Justice (DOJ or Department) is required to “prepare, maintain, publish, and implement a strategy for advancing geographic information and related geospatial data and activities appropriate to the mission of the covered agency, in support of the strategic plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).”¹ This Geospatial Data Strategy supplements the overall DOJ Data Strategy, supports the Department’s overall data efforts, and aligns responsibilities from the GDA to the Data Strategy in order to maximize the utility of DOJ’s geospatial data assets.²

Covered Agency GDA Responsibilities

In accordance with the requirements of the GDA, this Strategy will ensure the Department advances the use of geographic information and related geospatial data and activities in support of the NSDI Strategic Plan.³ For 2021 to 2024, the goals of the NSDI Strategic Plan are:

1. Implement the National Geospatial Policy and Governance Framework
2. Advance the Maturity of, Accelerate the Acquisition of, and Expand the Sources of National Geospatial Data Assets
3. Ensure Open Standards-Based Interoperability to Enable Geospatial Shared Services
4. Enable and Promote Collaborative Governance and Partnerships

Alignment to the DOJ Data Strategy

The Department’s Geospatial Data Strategy aligns with the following DOJ Data Strategy goals:

Goal 1 Enterprise Data Management

Goal 2 Enterprise Information Sharing Capability

Goal 4 Enterprise Data Workforce

The Department will ensure the consideration of geospatial data as well as the requirements of the GDA and NSDI Strategic Plan within the processes and implementation efforts of the Data Strategy. Detailed information on the specific actions and deliverables for the Department’s Data Strategy and this supplement are included in DOJ’s Data Strategy Implementation Plan.

Implementation Responsibilities

Under the purview of the DOJ Data Governance Board and in accordance with applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements, the Department’s Geospatial Community of Interest (GCOI) will oversee implementation of these responsibilities. The mission of the GCOI is to enhance geospatial resources by unifying the efforts of Components, streamlining enterprise efforts, and improving DOJ geospatial technology, training, tradecraft, production, integration, market research, and collaboration. The GCOI will coordinate with the other working groups of the Data Governance Board, the DOJ Chief Information Officer’s Council, and other critical Department stakeholders on implementation of these responsibilities. The GCOI will review the GDA and NSDI Strategic Plan and update the DOJ Data Strategy Implementation Plan for requirements not already covered.



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¹ Geospatial Data Act of 2018, Section 759(a)(1)

² For the overall DOJ Data Strategy, <https://www.justice.gov/file/1560166/download>; and for the purposes of this document, “geospatial” data is inclusive of “spatial” data.

³ <https://www.fgdc.gov/nsdi-plan/nsdi-strategic-plan-2021-2024.pdf>