STATE GIS COUNCIL SURVEY

State	Maryland
Body	Maryland State Geographic Information Committee
Membership	Members assigned to one of 8 "caucuses"… - Federal Government - State Government - County Government - Municipal Government - Private Sector GIS Vendors - Private Sector GIS Users - Education (including K-16) - Public (including non-profit organizations) Executive Committee (elected officials, chair of each subcommittee & a representatives from each caucus) Subcommittees are… - Database & Resource Development - GIS Applications - Education & Outreach - GPS - Standards
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly
Web Site	www.msgic.state.md.us
Formal Status	MSGIC is an all volunteer organization with no formal structure. There is no executive order, legislation or formal authorization. We have no budget or any means of entering into contracts with any entity.
General Comments	The Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC) includes 8 different categories of members: federal, state, county, municipal, education, private sector users, private sector vendor and public (includes non profit organizations). One member - one vote. Each member selects the membership category that best represents their main role or function. Any member can be elected as the chair of the organization or be a subcommittee chair. Before 2001 the committee structure included only state agencies as members. This lead to hard feelings by non state agency organizations and ultimately a new strategic plan and committee structure. It also may have driven some state agencies away from the committee as well. There are few formal "votes" by members. We tend to reach consensus on matters except on the subject of logo's - this always brings out vigorous dissention in the ranks.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	Several vendor representatives regularly attend executive committee meetings and many attend the quarterly meetings. There have been many instances where having their voice has been useful, informative and germane to the issue at hand. Certainly many have expertise on data acquisition, open standards and data interoperability. Given our lack of formal authorization there are few instances I can recall where vendor members would vote on issues that MSGIC might adopt that could result in some sort of ethical or professional conflict.
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State	Vermont
Body	Technical Advisory Committee
Membership	12 total members. No representative from the towns but the RPC representatives more or less represent the towns. We really have no county representation in the state. I would say that we now have representation from Federal, State, Regional, Private and Academic sectors in the state.
Meeting Frequency	Annually plus as called by chair
Web Site	http://www.vcgi.org/about_vcgi/?page=./tac/default_content.cfm
Formal Status	The TAC is a standing sub-committee of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information Board. The VCGI is a public non-profit supported in part by the State of Vermont (through the property transfer tax) and in part through grants and fees paid for the products and services it provides to clients.
General Comments	In Vermont the TAC works primarily on standards, guidelines etc. though most any issue pertinent to the GIS community as a whole could be discussed. Decisions, recommendations, or documents created and approved by the TAC are then sent to our Board of Directors (of which the State CIO is a

	Member) for approval.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	I have found that having private sector involvement is absolutely critical. They provide a unique perspective and valuable insight as you have recognized. The only problem we have with the private sector folks is getting consistent participation. They seem less able or willing to attend consistently. I have never been in a situation where I felt that a private sector representative was acting in their own self interest. They have all acted with generosity and wisdom equal to other members. We steer clear of RFP development, professional licensing discussions, business development etc. so that helps the situation. I'm convinced that if there was some conflict of interest in the discussion the parties involved would make their allegiances known immediately. But, following that, we would all expect them to be involved in the discussion. Having said all of that, be aware that I am representing Vermont in this discussion. I know virtually every member of the professional GIS community in the state at least by name and business in Vermont is still conducted on a fairly personal level. My guess is the dynamics are a bit different for you. I would seriously consider having private sector involvement. In my opinion, their perspective is critical to the balance of the Council.
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State	Missouri
Body	Missouri GIS Advisory Committee
Membership	Membership on the Missouri GIS Advisory Committee is classified in one of three ways: "ex-officio" members, "state" members or "cooperating" members. There are two ex-officio members on the MGISAC; one will be from the Office of Information Technology (OIT), and one will be from the Missouri Spatial Data Information Service (MSDIS). Ex-officio members do not have voting privileges. Each department of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches and each elected office as defined by Missouri State Constitution and Statutes may be represented on MGISAC as a "state" member. "State" members have voting privileges and are limited to one member per department or elected office. "Cooperating" members are selected from the following sectors and assigned to the appropriate caucus: · federal government agencies; · local government agencies; · universities, colleges, or other academic institutions; · public utility organizations; and · not-for-profit organizations, cooperative government agencies, and quasi-government agencies. "Cooperating" members have voting privileges and are limited to one member per agency or organization. Chair is from State.
Meeting Frequency	Monthly
Web Site	http://www.mgisac.org/
Formal Status	None but is tied to Governor's Initiative.
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	We do not have private sector folks on the committee, mainly to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. However, we have had a number of private sector folks participate in various activities of the committee. In fact, we have a number of regulars that do participate and this has worked well. To steal from Kenny, this may or may not have relevance to your situation in California as MGISAC has no executive order, legislation or formal authorization. We have no budget or any means of entering into contracts with any entity. As a result, there are few formal "votes" by members. We tend to reach consensus on matters except on the subject of by-laws which always brings out vigorous distention in the ranks. Given our lack of formal authorization there are few instances I can recall where vendor members would vote on issues that MGISAC might adopt that could result in some sort of ethical or professional conflict.
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State	Indiana

Body	Indiana Geographic Information Council
Membership	We have 13 sectors represented, 2 seats per sector on 3yr staggered rotations. Private sector GIS service providers is one of those sectors.
Meeting Frequency	Every other month
Web Site	http://www.in.gov/ingisi/about_us/council.html
Formal Status	IGIC is a not-for-profit corporation established in Indiana and recognized by Governor's Proclamation as the official statewide GIS coordinating body.
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	We have found it very beneficial to have them included. They are often a resource of information and expertise, as well as pro bono work on things like logos (maybe something for Kenny to consider). We are careful to be clear about the expectation of all council members regarding conflicts of interest and professional ethics, and are currently drafting additional policy to clarify the vondor's role on the council and role when we may contract for services. We haven't had negative experience in this regard, rather are being proactive so we can avoid it in the future.
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State	New York
Body	GIS Coordinating Body
Membership	Our state GIS Coordinating Body has 2 of its 18 members from the private sector. At the moment those 2 members are both from electric utility companies, though that is not a requirement. Our members are nominated by a nominating committee for 3-year terms. State 4 **(including an OCSCIC representative as Chair)** Local 7 **(a combination of municipal & county, rural & urban)** Academia 2 **(University & Community Colleges, K-12)** Private Sector 2 **(including 1 utility company representative)** Not-for-Profit 2 Federal 1 **(from an in-state Federal agency field office)** **----------** TOTAL 18
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly
Web Site	http://www.nysgis.state.ny.us/reports/cbody/coordbdy_struct.htm
Formal Status	The NYS GIS Coordinating Body, operating under the auspices of the NYS Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	We also have 3 sector-based Advisory Groups who feed advice to the Coordinating Body. One of these is a Private Sector Advisory Group. This Advisory Group has had some ups and downs over the years, but is being revived right now. We've suffered from rather disappointing levels of participation from the private sector in the past. That was partly our fault, as we tried to avoid GIS consultants, who we thought would be put in conflict situations since they could be providing input to programs that they might want to bid on. However, we have worked with our Counsel's Office and developed new guidelines which we think will make it easier for private sector folks to participate. They basically need to acknowledge that they will adhere to the state procurement laws and public officers laws with respect to gifts and providing specification on procurements.
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State	Kentucky
Body	Geographic Advisory Council
Membership	26; In addition to state agencies, we have representation from The Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky Association of Counties, the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Association of Land Surveyors, the Kentucky Society

	of Professional Engineers, the Kentucky Board of Registered Geologists and the Council of Area Development Districts.
Meeting Frequency	The advisory council meets quarterly, and the executive committee meets monthly
Web Site	http://giac.ky.gov/
Formal Status	The Geographic Information Advisory Council (GIAC) is an unfunded statutory advisory body, governed by KRS 11.515.
General Comments	Kentucky has over ten years experience with a Geographic Advisory Council that has representation from a lot of entities other than state government, although none represent specific private industries, they do represent the private sector.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	Our experience with the wide range of members has proved beneficial and I think having a wide/diverse membership is good.
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State	Texas
Body	Texas Geographic Information Council
Membership	State and Academic
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly with Steering Committee meeting monthly
Web Site	http://www.dir.state.tx.us/tgic/index.htm
Formal Status	Looks to be internally driven without any specific authorization or high level directive
General Comments	The Texas Geographic Information Council is created to provide cost-effective and useful exchange and retrieval of geographic information both within and among the various agencies and branches of government, and from the agencies and branches of state government to the people of Texas and their elected representatives. --*Charter of the Texas Geographic Information Council.*
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	We have discussed this [private sector representation] in Texas, but not taken action because of the same issues you outlined. Perhaps someday our Council will move to an independent non-profit status from the state. Currently it is managed by my agency. However, there would be many other issues to resolve to make this happen because of the size of Texas and the many state and local organizations.
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State	Rhode Island
Body	Rhode Island Geographic Information System Executive Committee
Membership	Executive Committee is currently made up of representatives from federal, state and municipal government, academic institutions, and the private sector.
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly
Web Site	http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/
Formal Status	"The existence of a common GIS database and its management by the Department of Administration and the University of Rhode Island were recognized in state law in 1990. The same enabling legislation established the RIGIS Executive Committee as an oversight management body for the system."
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	Our RIGIS Executive Committee has had private sector representation on it for a number of years. We've not had any problems with this, and in fact the private sector is a very positive addition. Since our steering committee meetings are public, we also have private sector observers that participate as well. They often are more knowledgeable about special interest applications front end technology than the government sector, and in some cases are more aware of local government involvement than we are from the state level. I'm attaching our strategic plan that has an item recognizing private sector in our goals and objectives. Might not work for all, but seems to work for us.
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State	Utah
Body	Utah Geographic Information Council
Membership	"Membership shall be open to individuals from all organizations and their subunits, including, but not limited to state agencies, federal agencies, local governments, political subdivisions of governments, tribal governments, associations of governments, departments within colleges and universities, utility companies, professional societies, and private companies, all of whom share a common interest in geographic information in Utah. There are no fees for membership. Members will be considered "active" as long as UGIC is provided with updated contact information as necessary."
Meeting Frequency	Monthly
Web Site	http://www.ugic.info/
Formal Status	Community initiative?
General Comments	Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee may have and exercise all the powers delegated to them by the Board of Directors.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	We have all levels of government on the Utah coordinating council but private sector as guests only.
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State	Arizona
Body	Arizona Geographic Information Council
Membership	Our Council focuses on major GIS data producers or users. - State Gov - State Universities - Federal Gov - Regional GIS Consortia - County Government (through Arizona Assoc. of County Gov.) - City Gov (through Arizona League of Cities and Towns) - Private Sector - Prof Assoc. (Arizona Professional Land Surveyors Assoc.) --We also extend into other agencies (especially local government) through our subcommittees
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly
Web Site	http://agic.az.gov/
Formal Status	The Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC) was established by Executive Order 89-24 as Arizona's primary forum and oversight group for geographic information and geographic information technology issues and coordination efforts.
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	We have had very good luck with our private sector representatives on the Council. In our case, the private sector reps have already had a professional history of working with our GIS community to accomplish common goals. We have not had a history of private sector reps promoting their own business opportunities. They have input their sector's perspective into our process, or have recused themselves from some decisions based upon their affiliations. Again, we have a long history with all private sector reps that have been appointed to the board. AGIC is an Executive Board and the Governor's Office works with the State Cartographer's Office to make appointments to the Council.
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State	Wisconsin
Body	Wisconsin Land Information Program
Membership	Statute says that four of the 15 Board members be representatives from utilities and private business, selected from various geographic regions of the state. These representatives are appointed to 6-year terms by the governor. The governor also appoints some of the public sector representatives.
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly?
Web Site	http://www.doa.state.wi.us/section_detail.asp?linkcatid=216
Formal Status	Established in statue
General Comments	The Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) is a voluntary, statewide program that provides financial and technical support to local governments for land records modernization efforts. All seventy-two Wisconsin counties participate in the Program. The Wisconsin Land Information Board (WLIB) oversees the Program's policies.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	I have been a board member since 1991 (and chair since 1999), and in all honesty I don't believe any private sector member has overstepped the bounds of ethical behavior. Over this time the board has had representatives from a photogrammetric mapping firm (elected to VP), several from land surveying, consulting and engineering firms, and of course, private utilities. I believe all severed

	honorably, and their input was invaluable, as most of these folks have, at times, a much different perspective on our activities and what's important than do government employees. I wouldn't want to conduct our business/make decisions without them, and would rate their participation as an definite opportunity. Since the board does make decisions on spending public funds, periodically we have had short training sessions on fiduciary responsibility and the public trust. Finally, in so many instances I have found those from the private sector to possess good leadership qualities, and lots of ideas for solving problems, better at this in many instances than those from the public sector.
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State	Montana
Body	Montana Geographic Information Council
Membership	Present Executive Order allows for two members from the private sector on a 22 member council (6 state, 3 local, 4 fed, 2 GIS Professional Association, 1 University, 1 Tribal, 2 State legislators, 1 surveyor, 2 private) - I suppose, since the surveyor comes from the professional surveyor's association and has traditionally been a private surveyor you could consider it 3 private.
Meeting Frequency	Quarterly and as needed
Web Site	http://mt.gov/itsd/policy/councils/mgic/mgic.asp
Formal Status	Executive Order
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	Definitely an opportunity - they have been very active members. Including the private sector has many benefits but the biggest is they are there to support the Council, providing influence with the Governor. The private sector holds a lot of political weight so if they are willing to tie geospatial efforts, and now especially web services, in with economic development they can really assist you.
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State	New Jersey
Body	New Jersey Geospatial Forum
Membership	Membership shall be open to individuals from all organizations and their subunits, including, but not limited to local governments, state agencies, federal agencies, regional governments, tribal governments, associations of governments, departments within colleges and universities, utility companies, professional societies, and private companies, all of who share a common interest in geographic information and technology in New Jersey. There are no fees for membership. Individuals will be considered as members as long as the Forum is provided with updated contact information as necessary. Members are required to declare a single constituency group affiliation. The Executive Committee consists of ten (10) members who are employed by and represent the following: • A federal government agency with operations in New Jersey; • A New Jersey university, college, or K-12 institution; • A New Jersey municipal government agency; • A New Jersey county government agency; • A New Jersey state government agency; • A private sector GIS firm licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey; • A regional authority or metropolitan planning organization (MPO) with operations in New Jersey; • A 501 New Jersey non-government organization (NGO) employing GIS in its operations; • A New Jersey licensed Professional Land Surveyor in good standing with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; • The State's Geographic Information Officer (non-elected).
Meeting Frequency	At least 3 times/year
Web Site	https://njgin.state.nj.us/NJ_NJGINExplorer/index.jsp
Formal Status	
General Comments	
Comments about Private Sector	We have two members from the private sector. In fact, the chair and secretary positions are represented by those members. In our experience the private sector representation is a must and has been most beneficial.

Involvement	
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State	Maine
Body	GeoLibrary Board
Membership	Two seats are allocated to the private sector, and the person appointed to represent the public is employed by a GIS consulting firm. Current members represent the following sectors and organizations: - GIS Vendors - University of Maine - Real Estate & Development - Environmental Interests - Utilities - State Government - Municipal Government - Statewide Association of Counties - Commissioner of Administrative & Financial Services - The Public - Statewide Association of Regional Councils
Meeting Frequency	Monthly
Web Site	http://www.maine.gov/geolib/
Formal Status	On April 9, 2002 the Governor signed into law L.D. 2116 "An Act to Establish the Maine Library of Geographic Information **(Chapter 649)**. "Maine Library of Geographic Information" or "library" means the statewide network officially sanctioned by the Legislature through this Act by which data custodians or their designees organize, catalog, and provide access to public geographic information to all levels of government and to the public.
General Comments	None.
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	In my opinion we could not have accomplished what we have over the past few years without the full support of the private sector. Their support in front of the legislature for the enabling legislation and subsequent bond issue to fund GeoLibrary activities was critical for the passage of these bills. The private sector members have also been very helpful in guiding technical projects such as our statewide orthoimagery project and soon to be released portal RFP. There have been some very lively debates concerning the boundaries for GeoLibrary activities, but all resulted in outcomes that were in the best interest of Maine. I think we have all come to agree in most cases that what is good for GIS in Maine is good for both the public and private sector.
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State	Kansas
Body	Kansas Geographic Information Systems Policy Board
Membership	27 members; representation from - State (executive, judicial, and legislative branches) - Federal (USGS, NRCS) - Counties - Cities - Government consortia - Non-profit & private sector - Regents (academia) - Statewide professional or business organization
Meeting Frequency	Monthly
Web Site	http://da.state.ks.us/gis/
Formal Status	Executive Order
General	None.

Comments	
Comments about Private Sector Involvement	Working well with private sector involvement.
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