AGIC

Arizona Geographic Information Council

The AGIC Mission...

The mission of the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC) is to coordinate the development and management of geographic information in Arizona. AGIC promotes the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and related technologies to address problems, develop plans, and better manage the natural, economic and infrastructure resources of the state.

The Need for AGIC...

Since the 1970's, the use of GIS has grown rapidly across the country and the world. As GIS technology and its use in governmental entities has evolved, some concerns and issues have arisen:

- Incompatible databases
- Lack of coordination creates the potential for duplication of work, data and errors
- Federal dollars available for GIS research and data development must be used efficiently to maximize benefits statewide

In order to be efficient with limited resources, the coordination of State and local GIS programs and activities is essential. The purpose of AGIC is to provide this coordination.

Vision Moving Forward...

The vision of AGIC is to facilitate the provision of credible, timely and accurate geographic information for widespread use by decision-makers and the citizens of Arizona.

How to Participate in AGIC

♦ Attend a Meeting

AGIC was created as a Council by the Governor of Arizona. Attendance at Board and Committee meetings is open to anyone interested in attending. Persons wishing to address the Board or an individual committee must sign in prior to the meeting. The only piece of information you need to provide the group is the topic to which you would like to speak. There is no requirement that you give your name. Find out more information at:
https://arcgis2.geo.az.gov/agic/council-members

♦ Join a Committee

Council members frequently receive questions about joining AGIC. AGIC is an Executive Board established through Executive Order of the Governor of Arizona. Direct participation on the Board is by appointment by the Governor to the Board. AGIC has several active committees and these are the best way for anyone to get involved in AGIC activities. Check the AGIC website for more information about committees.
http://agic.az.gov

♦ Join the AGIC-L Listserv

Subscribing to the AGIC-L Listserv is a great way to get in touch with Arizona's GIS community.
Please visit the AGIC-L page for more info.
https://arcgis2.geo.az.gov/agic/participation

♦ Attend the AGIC Education & Training Symposium

The AGIC Symposium is an annual event held every fall by AGIC for the Arizona GIS Community. The Symposium is the only major forum for GIS information exchange in Arizona. Go to http://www.agicsymposium.org/ for more info.

♦ Join a Regional Geospatial User Group

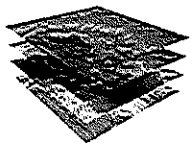
Please visit the AGIC website to find a Regional User Group to join in your area!

AGIC Initiatives

AGIC's efforts are directed toward helping Arizona maximize the benefit from its ongoing investment in geospatial data and technologies. The following initiatives present a roadmap to that end.

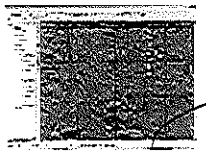
AZGEO CLEARINGHOUSE

The AZGEO Clearinghouse is the premier data portal maintained and hosted by the State Cartographer's Office. As of 2014, it has permanently replaced the AGIC Geodata Portal. *AZGEO* is designed to provide GIS users with links to Internet map services, FGDC compliant metadata, and geospatial data downloads. The data and services available on AZGEO are contributed by a variety of public agencies in Arizona. AZGEO is organized in groups, making it easier to control the users that can access contributed data, ensuring security for sensitive data that cannot be shared with the General Public. Go to https://azgeo.az.gov/azgeo to register and request Group participation.



Core Geospatial Data

Setting priorities and seeking resources to obtain strategically important standardized statewide geospatial data for the efficient day-to-day business operations of Arizona.



Arizona Imagery Server

The Image Server is an IMS service that allows viewing Arizona orthophotos in a browser or a map service in a desktop GIS.

GIS Education & Outreach

Implementing programs to educate, communicate, and provide information exchange within the Arizona GIS community about current geospatial technologies and resources.