



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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Connecticut GIS User to User Network

As you may be aware, on July 1, 2013 the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) became a successor agency to the Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) Council as a result of Public Act 13-299. This same Public Act also requires OPM to assume additional responsibilities that are beyond those previously administered by the GIS Council. These include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinate GIS capacity for municipalities, regional councils of governments, and the state;
- Establish policies for the collection, management, and distribution of geospatial information;
- Set standards for the acquisition, management, and reporting of geospatial information;

This Public Act, now codified in Section 4d-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes, also requires OPM to consult with municipalities, regional councils of governments, state agencies and other users of GIS technology in establishing the aforementioned capacity, policies, or standards. The Connecticut GIS User to User Network represents a broad base of users of GIS technology in the state, including those specifically referenced that OPM is required to consult with. Therefore, OPM is seeking to consult with the Connecticut GIS User to User Network in an effort to fulfill our statutorily required responsibilities. Specifically, we are looking for recommendations in an advisory capacity, for the following areas:

1. Revising and updating the former GIS Council's Strategic and Business Plans.
2. Updating the former GIS Council's Cadastral data standard.
3. Development of an Address Point data standard.

While the ultimate responsibility and authority for these items rests with OPM, it would be valuable to have the Connecticut GIS User to User Network provide input and advice to OPM. We look forward to working with the Network to advance these important initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyler Kleykamp".

Tyler Kleykamp
Chief Data Officer