



## **2003 National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) FGDC Funding Program**

The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), an interagency committee, sponsors the Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) to support the implementation of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The NSDI consists of the technologies, policies, and people necessary to effectively discover, share, maintain and use digital geographic data throughout government and non-government sectors in the distributed electronic environment. The CAP provides seed funds to engage organizations in building the components of the NSDI, which include metadata documentation, national standards development and implementation, Clearinghouse and web mapping, and Framework development. The CAP is open to all U.S. organizations and seeks new participants. With the goal of GIS *infrastructure* development, the CAP program does not support GIS startups, data collection, or data purchases.

Watch for the announcement of the proposal submission period this winter. Application information, funding categories and materials describing the 2003 CAP program and past years projects will be found on-line at the FGDC website. For more information contact David Painter at (703) 648-5513 or [dpainter@fgdc.gov](mailto:dpainter@fgdc.gov) and visit the FGDC website:

**[www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov)**

The Federal Geographic Data Committee coordinates the development of the NSDI. The 18 federal agencies that make up the FGDC are developing the NSDI in cooperation with organizations from State, local and Tribal governments, the academic community, and the private sector.

## Funding Categories for the 2003 NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program

Watch for the program announcement and application materials at the FGDC website:  
[www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov) on or about **March 3 through – May 2003**

Category 1 – “Don’t Duck Metadata:” Metadata Creation and Implementation Assistance provides assistance to organizations in acquiring the skill, ability and experience to document data for clearinghouse discovery. Metadata is a basic first step in implementing the NSDI. This category is appropriate for organizations beginning the implementation of the NSDI. Up to \$9,000 per award.

Category 2 – “Don’t Duck Metadata:” Metadata Trainer Assistance provides funding support to knowledgeable and experienced metadata trainers for providing training to organizations and other organizations needing metadata training. Up to \$25,000 per award.

Category 3 – “Don’t Duck Metadata:” Metadata Outreach Assistance provides funding support to organizations with robust metadata programs to extend their programs to assist other organizations with resources and staff in innovative approaches to the implementation and service of metadata. This is a new CAP funding category. Up to \$40,000 per award.

Category 4 – Clearinghouse Integration with OpenGIS Services provides funding to extend existing Clearinghouse Nodes with OpenGIS Consortium – compliant web mapping and web feature service capabilities in a consistent way. Up to \$25,000 per award.

Category 5 – Canadian/U.S. Spatial Data Infrastructure Project will support one collaborative project between organizations in the U.S. and Canada that have an interest in creating, maintaining and sharing geospatial data over a common geography. Up to \$75,000 US and \$100,000 CA for awarded project. This is a collaborative funding effort by GeoConnections Canada and the Federal Geographic Data Committee.

