

**OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES (472)**  
**2011-13 BIENNIUM - Executive Recommendation**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Arkansas Geographic Information Office was created by Act 1250 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The 87th General Assembly established the office as a standalone agency responsible for coordinating the development and maintenance of geographic information systems (GIS) data throughout the state. The office coordinates with all levels of government, private and non-profit sectors to reduce duplication of effort. The office operates GeoStor, Arkansas' GIS clearinghouse which provides such services as: parcel mapping for assessors, aerial photography, land surveying of facilities, utilities and natural resources (land, water, oil, wildlife, gas, forestry). The Office's road centerline file program is used to locate people, places and events along the roads by correlating them to a physical address. This program is widely used to assist with education, E9-1-1 offices/disaster and emergency response, economic development opportunities, digital flood mapping, and other statewide geographically linked information such as boundaries and districts (schools, political). The system is also used to drive the state's Streamlined Sales Tax database that supports distribution of county and city sales tax.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget for the Arkansas Geographic Information Office is \$1,161,699 for both years of the biennium.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The budget for the Arkansas Geographic Information Office is funded with general revenue, federal and trust funds.

**II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS**

1. The Operations appropriation, funded with general revenue of \$789,199 for both years of the biennium has an **increase of \$56,612 in both fiscal years**, for salary and matching for one (1) GIS analyst position.
2. The GeoStor and Framework appropriation is funded with trust funds of \$250,000 each fiscal year.
3. The Flood Map - Federal appropriation is funded with federal funds of \$122,500 each fiscal year. Includes a reallocation of \$102,000 each fiscal year from the Data Processing line item to the Operating Expenses line item due to a change in state accounting procedures. Includes restoration of \$6,000 in the Capital Outlay line item to upgrade computers and other related equipment associated with the Flood Map Project.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2009-2011: 5

Total positions for FY 2011-2013: 6

Increase/ (Decrease): 1

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

1. States Department of Finance and Administration may assist the Arkansas Geographic Information Office with accounting, payroll processing, personnel related actions, budgeting and procurement to ensure all accounting and budgetary procedures are complied with.