

**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE (472)**

**FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019**

**Per Executive Recommendation**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Arkansas Geographic Information Office is responsible for coordinating the development and maintenance of geographic information systems (GIS) data through the state. The office coordinates with all levels of government, private and non-profit sectors to reduce duplication of effort, operating GeoStor, Arkansas' GIS clearinghouse which provides parcel mapping for assessors, aerial photography, land surveying of facilities, utilities and natural resources (land, water, oil, wildlife, gas, forestry). The road centerline file program is used to locate people, places and events along the roads by correlating them to a physical address and is 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 school boundaries and political districts. The system is also used to drive the state's Streamlined Sales Tax database that supports distribution of county and city sales tax. 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.

The authorized appropriation includes the appropriation and the positions transferred from the Division of Land Surveys within the Agriculture Department to the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office by Type 2 transfer effective in FY2016.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Geographic Information Office is \$3,459,076 in FY2018 and \$3,459,076 in FY2019.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

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

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 56Y)**

This appropriation is funded by general revenue, and is used to pay for the operations of the agency. The total appropriation is \$1,275,776 each year, an increase of \$127,907 over base level with the following changes:

**Regular Salaries** - Increase of \$90,754 for two (2) new Senior GIS Analysts.

**Extra Help** - Increase of \$6,463 for data entry on corner records from information gathered by the State Surveyor of the Division of Land Surveys.

**Personal Services Matching** - Increase of \$30,690 for two (2) new Senior GIS Analysts and extra help.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Positions FY2019: 12

Total Positions FY2018: 12

Total Base Level Positions FY2017: 10

Increase / (Decrease) Over Base Level: 2

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and FY2019: 1 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**TRANSFER OF CARRY FORWARD:** Agency may carry forward balance in Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the next fiscal year. Funds will be transferred to the Geographic Information Systems Fund to support operations of the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure. Agency shall submit written statement to DFA Office of Budget to justify need of keeping funds.

October 18, 2016