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HOUSE BILL 340

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES; ENACTING THE GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES ACT; CREATING THE GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S EARTH DATA ANALYSIS CENTER; CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; REQUIRING A STATEWIDE, LONG-RANGE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Geospatial Resources Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE.--The purpose of the Geospatial Resources Act is to facilitate the sharing of geospatial data crucial to addressing cross-jurisdictional issues, including responding to emergencies; making effective public policy decisions at state and local levels; providing direction on the

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1 best location for businesses and industries, schools and
2 hospitals and other public and private services; and managing a
3 wide range of environmental concerns such as forest fire and
4 drought conditions.

5 Section 3. GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED--
6 PURPOSE--PROGRAM MANAGER.--

7 A. The "geospatial resources program" is created in
8 the earth data analysis center of the university of New Mexico.
9 The program shall serve as a collaborative center of geospatial
10 expertise that centralizes the process for:

11 (1) coordinating, acquiring, managing,
12 maintaining and delivering geospatial data to state, local and
13 federal agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and the
14 private sector;

15 (2) providing online access to geospatial data
16 clearinghouses, distributed data resources and mapping services
17 for state, local and federal agencies, institutions and
18 instrumentalities and the private sector; and

19 (3) coordinating pilot and prototype
20 geospatial mapping projects in conjunction with state, local
21 and federal agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and
22 the private sector.

23 B. The vice president for research and economic
24 development of the university of New Mexico shall appoint the
25 manager of the geospatial resources program from a list of

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1 names provided by the geospatial resources advisory committee.
2 The manager shall be responsible for the administration and
3 operation of the program.

4 Section 4. GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES PROGRAM--POWERS AND
5 DUTIES.--

6 A. The geospatial resources program shall:

7 (1) develop and maintain, in cooperation with
8 state, local and tribal governments, universities and
9 geospatial experts, a statewide, long-range geographic
10 information system strategic plan;

11 (2) coordinate geographic information system
12 projects among state and local agencies, institutions and
13 instrumentalities and provide mapping support services to those
14 agencies, institutions and instrumentalities as needed;

15 (3) collaborate with federal, state and local
16 agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and private sector
17 entities to coordinate geospatial data acquisition;

18 (4) serve as the primary repository of
19 geospatial data in the state;

20 (5) create and maintain a digital map library
21 and inventory of maps and aerial photographs of the state;

22 (6) maintain a comprehensive inventory and
23 index of public domain spatial data sets;

24 (7) coordinate and facilitate statewide
25 geographic information system training opportunities, outreach

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1 and technical support programs for state and local agencies,
2 institutions and instrumentalities;

3 (8) implement systems that are compliant with
4 web-based standards and technologies as appropriate;

5 (9) identify, establish and coordinate the
6 implementation of state geospatial standards; and

7 (10) submit an annual report to the
8 information technology commission.

9 B. The geospatial resources program may:

10 (1) enter into contracts and agreements,
11 including joint powers agreements, with public or private
12 entities to share or provide geospatial data and services;

13 (2) coordinate geospatial projects with
14 federal agencies and private entities; and

15 (3) combine and leverage federal, state, local
16 and private funds to carry out the purposes of the program.

17 C. Money collected from fees and charges for
18 services performed by the geospatial resources program shall be
19 retained by the program and budgeted for future expenditure.

20 Section 5. GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.--

21 A. The "geospatial resources advisory committee" is
22 created and administratively attached to the office of the
23 chief information officer. The committee consists of nine
24 members appointed by the information technology commission to
25 represent state agencies, local and tribal governments,

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1 industries located in New Mexico, state universities and public
2 utility and telecommunications companies. All members of the
3 committee must be knowledgeable in geospatial information
4 technology. Members shall be appointed for staggered three-
5 year terms; provided that in making the initial appointments,
6 three members shall be appointed for one year, three members
7 shall be appointed for two years and three members shall be
8 appointed for three years. Members shall serve until their
9 successors have been appointed and qualified. Members may be
10 reappointed to succeeding terms. Vacancies shall be filled for
11 the unexpired term. Members shall serve without compensation.

12 B. The committee shall:

13 (1) provide guidance and direction to the
14 information technology commission and the geospatial resources
15 program in addressing geospatial issues, including state and
16 federal mandates and conflicting demands; prioritizing
17 geospatial projects; and evaluating recommendations made by the
18 geospatial resources program; and

19 (2) meet quarterly with the geospatial
20 resources program manager and other staff of the program to
21 review prioritized requests and proposals made to the program
22 by state and local governments.

23 Section 6. APPROPRIATION.--Eight hundred fifty thousand
24 dollars (\$850,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
25 board of regents of the university of New Mexico for

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1 expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to establish and operate the
2 geospatial resources program in the earth data analysis center.
3 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
4 fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

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