



**Executive Order 2022-03**  
**Establishing State Geospatial Committee**

**WHEREAS**, geospatial data and systems are an essential component of state government business processes;

**WHEREAS**, geospatial data and systems serve as a valuable medium for scientific investigation, resource management and development, economic development, emergency planning and response, and communication; and

**WHEREAS**, geospatial systems provide a means to store, assemble, manipulate and display geographically referenced data; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination of geospatial systems provides a cost-effective, efficient process to assemble and distribute authoritative geospatial data to interested state agencies and partners.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority vested under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, does hereby establish the State Geospatial Committee. The State Geospatial Committee (SGC) will incorporate and expand on the accomplishments of the Geographic Information System Technical Committee created under Executive Order 2001-06; accordingly, Executive Order 2001-06 is no longer necessary and is hereby rescinded.

The SGC will be chaired by the Geospatial Program Coordinator at the Information Technology Department and composed of representatives from each state agency with a vested interest in geospatial data and systems, or agencies that serve as a data steward for geospatial data for the benefit of North Dakota's citizens, including but not limited to the following state agencies:

1. North Dakota Department of Agriculture
2. North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
3. North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4. North Dakota Game and Fish Department
5. North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources - Geological Survey
6. North Dakota Department of Health<sup>1</sup>
7. State Historical Society of North Dakota
8. North Dakota Information Technology Department

<sup>1</sup> Due to recent legislative changes, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services will become a single agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, effective September 1, 2022.

9. North Dakota National Guard
10. North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources - Oil and Gas Division
11. North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department
12. North Dakota Public Service Commission
13. North Dakota Department of Transportation
14. North Dakota Department of Trust Lands
15. North Dakota Department of Water Resources

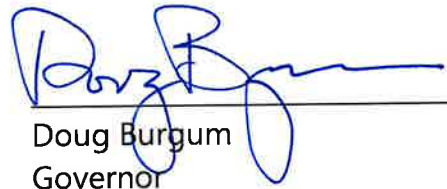
The SGC will coordinate and provide oversight of geospatial activities within state government and be available to review and propose geospatial projects that would have a statewide benefit. The SGC shall also act as a clearinghouse of geospatial activities, including the orderly accumulation and dissemination of geospatial data via the North Dakota GIS Hub.

This order is issued upon the following bases and for the following reasons:


1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. An SGC is needed to keep state agencies and the public of North Dakota informed with respect to advances in geospatial technologies, geospatial data activities, geospatial data standards and geospatial data availability.
3. An SGC is required to ensure the quality and cost-effectiveness of authoritative geospatial data through the application of standards, documentation, update frequency and coordination with data stewards.

This executive order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Al Jaeger  
Secretary of State