

**REVISED 2008**  
**METROGIS MAJOR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

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*(\*\*Indicates an activity at least in part dependent upon securing additional technical leadership and coordination resources).*

1. Seek reaffirmation of role expectations by key stakeholders (e.g., sponsors and custodians) to ensure they are supportive of the policies and objectives set forth in the new Plan and addition of Technical Coordinator
2. Sustain traditional “foster collaboration” support activities<sup>(1)</sup>
3. Execute the Next-Generation Parcel Data Sharing Agreement, including clarification of rules pertaining to “view-only” access via Internet applications without prior licensure)
4. *\*\* Define and prioritize specific shared needs for applications and web services appropriate for MetroGIS and begin implementation in accordance with this role(s)*
5. Complete in-progress initiatives, including:
  - *\*\*Implement a Regional Address Points Dataset (previously referred to as Occupiable Units) and Web-Editing Application to assist smaller producers of address data participate in the regional solution*
  - *\*\*Define a strategy to address shared Emergency Preparedness information needs*
  - Geocoding Pilot Project
6. *\*\* Define outcomes desired for a more fully developed geographic data, applications and service broker*
7. *\*\*Populate metadata for GeoServices Finder, including creation of a template to promote standardization.*
8. *\*\*Establish working relationships with jurisdictions adjoining the Twin Cities metropolitan area to improve data interoperability with those jurisdictions*
9. Adopt a plan to achieve an orderly succession of leadership (Leadership Development Plan)
10. Initiate updating of the MetroGIS Outreach Plan to emphasize ways to identify opportunities and ensure stakeholder awareness of regional datasets, DataFinder, pending solutions related to shared application needs
11. Initiate development of a plan to ensure obstacles to data sharing do not materialize (see January 24th workshop proceedings), including evaluation of the “organizational competencies” concept to identifying strategic capabilities

<sup>(1)</sup> Traditional activities that comprise the MetroGIS “foster collaboration” function include:

- Identifying and defining shared geospatial information needs. Includes seeking out partnerships with non-government entities that share information needs with government entities that serve the Twin Cities metropolitan area
- Implementing and maintaining relevance of collaborative regional solutions to address shared information needs
- Fostering widespread access and sharing of geospatial data, principally via the [www.datafinder.org](http://www.datafinder.org) web site
- Facilitating sharing of knowledge relevant to the advancement of GIS technology among stakeholders (*ongoing*)
- Monitoring activities related to performance measures, reporting findings and adjusting policies as needed (*ongoing*)
- Ensuring decision-making processes are meaningful, productive, and a good use of participants' time (*ongoing*)
- Engaging policy-makers to provide a political reality check and to maintain political legitimacy (*ongoing*)
- Advocating for MetroGIS's efforts in development of statewide geospatial policies (*ongoing*)
- Seeking opportunities to learn from efforts with similar objectives – statewide, national, and internationally (*ongoing*)
- Fostering awareness of MetroGIS's accomplishments and the public value created via its efforts (*ongoing*)
- Documenting benefits associated with MetroGIS's efforts via stakeholder testimonials (*ongoing, 1-2 per year*)