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Larry Charboneau, Chair  
MN Governor's Council on Geographic Information  
c/o The Lawrence Group  
510 First Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

## **Integrating Metro Area Parcel Data with Parcel Data From "Collar Counties"**

Dear Mr. Charboneau:

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the MetroGIS Policy Board unanimously decided to move from a pilot project to long-term support of the concept of a regional parcel dataset. The Board also unanimously approved data specifications and roles and responsibilities (attached) for the desired regional parcel dataset.

As you may be aware, MetroGIS held a data users forum in April to identify desired enhancements to the pilot dataset that was distributed for comment from November 2000 to March 2001. A suggestion from two of the participants was to add the parcel data for the "collar counties" to the MetroGIS dataset. The MetroGIS Coordinating Committee, at its May 22, 2001 meeting, unanimously concluded that data for the "collar counties" should not be added to MetroGIS' regional parcel dataset, but rather MetroGIS should ask the Governor's Council on Geographic Information (GCGI) to take the lead on integrating MetroGIS' regional parcel data solution with a solution for the entire state as part of its Land Records Modernization or similar initiative.

This purpose of this letter is to officially request, on behalf of the MetroGIS Policy Board, that the GCGI consider the MetroGIS Coordinating Committee's conclusion that the GCGI is the most appropriate organization to take the lead on integrating MetroGIS' regional parcel data solution with parcel data from the collar counties.

If you have any questions, please contact Trudy Richter (651-222-7227) or Randall Johnson (651-602-1638) after September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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MetroGIS Policy Board

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