



HIGICC is preparing a GIS Strategic Plan.

As a valued GIS stakeholder, we need your input!

What is working? What could be done better?

The Hawai'i Geographic Information Coordinating Council (HIGICC), in association with United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), invites you to take part in the shaping of a GIS Strategic Plan for the HIGICC. GIS is alive and well in Hawai'i and the goal of this strategic planning process is to look at how HIGICC supports the GIS user community and to look for ways to improve and expand on what it does.

The intent of this plan is to identify and articulate a strategic vision for the Council and to establish strategies that will eliminate gaps, improve services, and foster GIS collaboration across the entire state.

As a decision maker or practitioner, your insights are valuable, and your thoughts on the future direction of HIGICC are of great interest to us.

PLEASE JOIN US ON ONE OF THESE DATES:

Open stakeholder information gathering sessions will be held at **the following locations and times:**

August 25, 2008 Oahu: Mission Memorial Auditorium (may change), Honolulu, 9 a.m. to Noon.
August 26, 2008 Kauai: Piiikoi Bldg Conference Rooms A & B, 4444 Rice St., Lihue, 9 a.m. to Noon.
August 27, 2008 Maui: HGEA Conference Room #207, 2145 Kaohu St, Wailuku, 9 a.m. to Noon.
August 28, 2008 Hilo: Maluhia Conference Room, 891 Ululani St (may change), 9 a.m. to Noon.
Sept. 3, 2008 Oahu: Rm 204, Leiopapa A Kamehameha Bldg, 235 S. Beretania St., 9 a.m. to Noon.

Please come to one of these sessions to learn about the process and to share your ideas for improving the operations of HIGICC.

The sessions will last approximately three hours and will be facilitated by Applied Geographics, Inc., with assistance from members of the HIGICC GIS Strategic Planning Committee.

To RSVP to any of these meetings, or for more information, please contact higicc@higicc.org.

Please Note: If you can't attend one of these meetings, but wish to participate in this process, please send your comments and suggestions to higicc@higicc.org. You can also call Henry Wolter, USGS Geospatial Liaison, Hawaii and Pacific Basin Islands at (808) 587-2409.

An on-line survey is being distributed to the HIGICC email list the week of August 5th, 2008.