

ADVISORY GROUP ON Elimination of Duplicative and Non-Essential Services

PROPOSAL #: AGDNES #33

SUBJECT: Geographic Information System

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Centralize the hosting of current and future compatible geographic information system (GIS) and "volume buy" GIS software and licenses, including local government in such purchases where appropriate.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Centralize the hosting of current and future compatible geographic information system (GIS) and "volume buy" GIS software and licenses, including local government in such purchases where appropriate.	All agencies.	Chapter 15 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes provides for a Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council. The council was established because multiple agencies maintain their own unique GIS applications. By mandating that a centralize host be establish going forward and allowing all agencies to layer their needs on the host, systems will be compatible and available to multiple agencies and technical skilled resources will be available. By agencies working together, there will be more opportunities for volume buying discounts in purchasing software and licences.	Planning will be necessary for centralizing a host system and coordinating purchases. The law regarding the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council (R.S. 49:1051, et seq.) may need to be amended.	Savings over current expenditures and investments should result from a centralized host and volume buying. There is also a possibility of savings to be realized in maintenance.	May need legislation. Could begin administratively.