

# IOWA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL– IGIC

- <http://www.iowagic.org/>
- Established in 1998 by Executive Order #65
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The mission of IGIC is to foster an efficient GIS environment through cooperation and coordination with public and private entities that access, collect, provide, and share data, metadata, applications and **educational opportunities.**

# IGIC – GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Promote the use of geographic information technology among public and private organizations and individuals for planning, decision-making and problem-solving processes.
- **Promote education and training in GIS and related technologies within all levels of education.**
- Adopt, communicate and promote standards for use by the GIS community to facilitate data collection and promote data sharing.
- Promote partnerships for the purpose of data development and data sharing.
- Provide a mechanism through which the interests and concerns of Iowa's GIS community can be directed to appropriate policy makers.
- Provide operating policies and procedures for management of the Council.

# IOWA GEOMENTORING TASK FORCE

- IGIC Initiative
- **Purpose Statement:** To create a network of geomentors for the promotion and support of geospatial technology education throughout the State of Iowa. This would involve, but is not limited to K-12 schools, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other non-profits organizations.
- **Year 1 Goal (Deadline - October 1, 2015):** Create the Iowa Geomentoring Network (IGN). IGN is to be established as a permanent Iowa Geographic Information Council (IGIC) service.

# IGN OBJECTIVES

1. Solicit the IGIC community for volunteers to participate on the K-12 Geospatial Task Force. The task force will be responsible for seeing that all objectives are met by the deadline of October 1, 2015.
2. Create a geomentoring portal page on [www.iowagic.org](http://www.iowagic.org). This portal would provide contact information, guidelines of the IGN, videos and links to other instructional resources.
3. Create a Facebook page as a social network resource, possible add a Twitter account.

# IGN OBJECTIVES CONTINUED

4. Create a how-to tutorial for setting up an ArcGIS Online account for a school.
5. Identifying and implementing methods of communication to promote what IGN is about and how to get involved.
6. Develop procedures and distribute \$5000 in IGIC mini-grants during 2014-2015, targeted to development of projects that support the IGN.
7. Create new objectives and tasks as needed to accomplish the goal for year one.

# INITIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. November 30, 2014 - Form IGN task force
2. February 30, 2015 - Complete IGN web site
3. April 7, 2015 - Roll out web site at IGIC conference