

UPDATE APRIL 2007 - GA GIS Clearinghouse ESRI Enterprise License Agreement

UPDATE

As of April 1, 2007 there is no formal agreement between GTA and ESRI for a GIS Enterprise License Agreement (GIS-ELA). This being said the GA GIS Clearinghouse advises that all State Agencies plan to proceed in FY08 as they have done in previous years. There is still much work being done to move closer to both the agreement and the necessary infrastructure to support each State Agency and the GA GIS Clearinghouse for access to the applications that will be made available.

Some examples of points still in review are the need to provide for application maintenance if state funding for the GIS-ELA goes away. The need for at least one year of maintenance support post the contract being dissolved is necessary to protect all current and potential users of the GIS-ELA. A second point being reviewed is the need to have an accurate base line of what the State Agencies and RDC currently have such that we can accurately track the increased footprint and plan for future needs of the GIS-ELA contract. Some of these points in review will require some monetary input from each state agency. At this point we are not sure what that will be.

The goal is to make this a successful long term offering to the state agencies and RDC and to build from this for other state entities. At this time it may not be until June or July that a final agreement is reached at which time the individual Agency and RDC agreements will begin. Until we know the final costing and components of the contract moving forward with the agreements would be premature.

OVERVIEW

In an effort to update the GA GIS Clearinghouse data holdings from both a spatial and metadata perspective the GA GIS Clearinghouse will host a GIS Enterprise License Agreement (GIS-ELA) and make it available to those State Agencies and Regional Commissions who meet the requested minimum submissions.

The ELA is with ESRI and includes unlimited access to the following designated ESRI software products.

Desktop Software: ArcInfo, ArcEditor, ArcView, ArcReader
Desktop Extensions: ArcGIS Spatial Analyst, ArcGIS 3D Analyst, ArcGIS Network Analyst, ArcGIS Geostatistical Analyst, ArcGIS Publisher, ArcPress for ArcGIS, ArcScan for ArcGIS, and Maplex for ArcGIS
Server Software: ArcGIS Server
Server Extensions: Network Analyst, 3D Analyst, Spatial Analyst
Developer Software: ArcGIS Engine

The conditions of the ELA with ESRI include several administrative actions for the GA GIS Clearinghouse to manage including:

- 1) The GA GIS Clearinghouse and designated Agencies/RDCs will provide Tier 1 support. This includes software installation, user 'How To' and internal connectivity to databases and data holdings.
- 2) The GA GIS Clearinghouse will limit Tier 2 and Tier 3 Support calls to ESRI to 25 persons to be assigned by the GA GIS Clearinghouse and managed by the GA GIS Clearinghouse.
- 3) The GA GIS Clearinghouse will manage which agency has what licenses.
- 4) The GA GIS Clearinghouse will keep a primary point of contact (POC) for each agency.

AGENCY AND RDC ACCESS THE GIS-ELA

A GIS-ELA Agreement will be created with each Agency/RDC and the GA GIS Clearinghouse that will clearly define both the given Agency/RDC responsibilities and the GA GIS Clearinghouse responsibilities. Examples of Agency/RDC elements are point of contact, if this will be a Support Point of Contact, who at the agency will be eligible for software download and distribution, and what data and metadata will be provide. Examples of GA GIS Clearinghouse elements include what software will be available for download and how it will be distributed.

To accurately build the GIS-ELA Agreement the GA GIS Clearinghouse will meet with each of the Agencies known to currently have ESRI software as listed in Table 1 and work together to verify what datasets if any a given agency currently supports on the clearinghouse, decide if this data is the best available, review metadata provided and together create an agreement between the agency and the GA GIS Clearinghouse for data to be provided for access to the ELA.

The GA GIS Clearinghouse team is currently working on an Implementation Plan for the redesign of the site. This redesign will impact what information will be needed by each Agency, metadata requested and possibly a few other factors that will be gathered in the Agreement. The plan presently has Agency/RDC meetings beginning in March 2007. The point of contact currently listed with ESRI will be the starting point for setting meetings. This being said if you know that your contact information with ESRI is out of date please contact Natalie Culpepper (nculpepper@esri.com) or Sonny Beech (sbeech@esri.com) to update this information over the next 30 days.

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PHASES - TIMELINE

Phase I of the GIS-ELA will be to stand up the administrative process of the program and build agreements with all agencies on the known ESRI license list. The goal is to have this accomplished between

Customer Name	Department
GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION	DATA PROCESSING DEPT
GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD	4TH WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA	POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
	COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPT
	COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPT
	DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
	DHR DISTRICT 1 UNIT 1
	EDUCATION DEPT
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
	HEALTH PLANNING DIV
	HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT
	LABOR DEPT
	NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT
	OFFICE OF PLANNING & ANALYSIS
	PORTS AUTHORITY
	PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT
	PUBLIC HEALTH DIV
	SOUTHWEST HEALTH DISTRICT 8
	TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY
	TRANSPORTATION DEPT
	WEST CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT
SOUTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CTR
NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION	
CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
NORTH GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
COASTAL GEORGIA REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
MIDDLE FLINT REGIONAL	DEVELOPMENT CENTER
MCINTOSH TRAIL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	CENTER
COOSA VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER	PLANNING DEPT

TABLE 1 – ESRI Licensed Agencies/RDC

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Phase II will be to market to other Agencies who may have need for GIS application use and who would in time be able to provide desired data to the GA GIS Clearinghouse.

Phase III will be to monitor and refine program, incorporate lessons learned and apply redesign as necessary. Provide necessary reporting to ESRI.

Phase IV will be to prepare to roll out GIS-ELA to County Governments. Create Agreements with 50 Counties.

Phase V will be to prepare to roll out GIS-ELA to Local Governments. Create Agreements with another 20 local governments.

REMAINING ISSUES

The contract between GTA and ESRI is still being negotiated. There are several areas that GTA requires resolution on prior to moving forward with the contract. These include continued maintenance support for 1 year beyond termination of contract for all documented software and a limit to the amount the contract can increase at any point.

Beyond the ESRI contract GTA wants to ensure that the ELA is managed properly. A concern for the agreement is that licenses will be deployed and not tracked and never closed even when not in use such that when it is time to review and renew the contract with ESRI it will appear that the State has many more licenses than are actually being utilized and the contract amount will exceed what is budgeted.