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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the 113th Legislature appropriated money to the Department of Conservation to purchase hardware and software for a Geographic Information System (GIS); and

WHEREAS, many of the key issues government is grappling with lend themselves to the application of a GIS; and

WHEREAS, a GIS can be used strategically as a decision making tool in such areas as land use and comprehensive planning, environmental siting, E911 information, and flood plain mapping, among others; and

WHEREAS, much more needs to be learned about issues such as the effects of a GIS on organizational mission, the information most appropriate for the system, and the potential impact of these systems on the cost effective delivery of a broader range of government products and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish a GIS Steering Committee to provide leadership, promote, plan, direct and coordinate the development and implementation of a statewide This Steering Committee is charged with Geographic Information system. establishing priorities, allocating scarce governmental resources, assuring compatibility of information systems.

Membership

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The membership shall include a broadly based group of representatives from State government, local government and private industry. Membership shall include the following or their designees:

Commissioner, Department of Administration

Commissioner, Department of Conservation

Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development

Commissioner, Department of Educational & Cultural Services

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner, Department of Human Services

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Commissioner, Department of Labor
Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources
Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Director, State Planning Office
6 members selected by the Governor
2 members of the Legislature to be invited by the Co-chairs of the

Officers

Co-chairs of the Committee shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Administration and the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation.

Terms of Membership

Committee

The Governor shall appoint the members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Functions and Duties

- 1. The Committee shall analyze requirements, develop goals and an implementation plan for a statewide Geographic Information System.
- 2. The Committee shall provide leadership and direction in the development of a statewide Geographic Information System.
 - a. The Committee shall decide questions of competing interests and system priorities, as well as allocate scarce resources.
 - b. The Committee shall decide issues regarding the compatibility of information systems to ensure consistency.
- 3. The Committee shall promote the statewide Geographic Information System to ensure adequate support within State government.

Administration

The Department of Administration and the Department of Conservation will ensure staff support to the Committee.

Meetings

The Committee shall, upon at least seven days notice, meet upon the call of either of the Co-chairs.

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Compensation

Members of the Steering Committee shall serve without compensation. All legally allowed expenditures incurred by members, while in the performance of their committee duties, shall be borne by their parent organizations. Expenses of members representing organizations that do not reimburse such expenses shall be borne by the Department of Administration.

The effective date of this Order is May 22, 1989.

John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor