

General TSSDS Questions

1. Were you aware of these standards prior to being invited to this conference?

- No not until PAMagic packet arrived, aware of the efforts of the FGDC but not of TSSDS in particular, yes through PAMagic.
- From PaMAGIC.
- PADEP GIS Technical Committee.

2. Do you have a need for these standards?

- Yes, in populating data libraries.
- Yes, but there are several concerns about their adoption in organizations that have defined their own standards and their own implementations.

3. Where do you use these standards?

- In populating data warehouses and libraries.
- We are not currently using them.
- Currently being used for basic database management
- They are most valuable to organizations that are just starting out on their GIS implementations.
- As base line for communicating information between agencies--especially in terms of cross-referencing different aliases.

4. Where do you envision these standards being used?

- In the exchange and access of spatial data at nearly everywhere. Otherwise they aren't standard.
- The federal government more than state and local entities or utilities. They'd be useful if we did want to exchange data but only if they met our other needs for data management.
- Exchange between county GIS systems and ESPECIALLY 911.

- Using the standard for basic exchange of spatial data between entities.
- Looking to FGDC to create spatial geometry and symbology more than specific attribute and dictionary.
- TSSDS is good starting point for discussions on definitions of terms that have long been under argument.
- In exchanging DEP Drinking Water datasets with other agencies and municipalities.
- Exchanging data sets with other agencies after adding value to existing public domain coverages or creating new coverages.
- Allows engineering firms to combine data from local contaminated sites, etc., investigated by a variety of firms over the years.
- As a high level starting point for the adoption of standards in an organization. Possible advantages are in situations where multiple agencies participate in the design and/or creation of the GIS.