

# LOUISIANA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL

## Digital Data Committee Report: Data Stewardship

Committee Date: March 15, 2000

### Committee Members:

Joe Holmes (LDDQ), Chair  
 DeWitt Braud, LSU  
 Marty Beasley, SLO-DOA  
 Sharon Balfour, LADOTD  
 Kay Henderson, LADOTD  
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Committee Chair, Joe Holmes (LDEQ) reported to the council the results of the first Digital Data Committee meeting held on March 15, 2000. The Digital Data Committee's task is to discuss the details associated with data custodianship and "blessed" data sets.

Primary discussion was concentrated on the parish boundary data set and identifying what agency is the custodian of the boundary. The committee developed a list of issues that need to be addressed in future meetings:

- . Need for more input from Council
- . Need for representation from the Attorney General's office
- . Custodian maintenance requirements
- . Data Revision responsibilities
- . Data Distribution responsibilities
- . Criteria for judging what data is "blessed"
- . Criteria for judging what data should not be "blessed"

Ms. Sharon Balfour (DOTD) initiated discussion regarding the potentially difficult issues associated with the "Official Map of Louisiana" published by the Department of Transportation and Development, Public Works. DOTD/PW is developing a digital version of the "Official Map of Louisiana" with the Louisiana Geological Survey. Recommendation was made to invite Curtis Patterson of DOTD/PW to the Digital Data Committee.

Mr. John Wells (DOTD) and Ms. Mary Kay Henderson (DOTD) reiterated the concerns associated with 'blessed' datasets and the criteria for determining who is responsible for that data and how it is updated.

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