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# OGIC Communications Plan

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# Introduction

A communication plan is a tool to help an organization align their communications and produce cohesive and consistent messaging. The Oregon Geographic Information Council (OGIC) created an Outreach and Communications Committee (OCC) in 2023 to strengthen the awareness of OGIC and OGIC activities to advance geospatial data sharing by and for the public, the GIS community at-large, the legislature, and other key stakeholders. This committee leads the collection and dissemination of information, creates materials and key messages, and communication strategies to support OGIC initiatives and activities. This communication plan was created by the OCC to assist OGIC in achieving its priority initiatives.

To achieve the shared vision of geospatial data sharing and management for the State, OGIC has identified the following priority initiatives:

1. Strengthen Communications
2. Support Sustainable Funding
3. Improve Data Sharing
4. Legislative Coordination / Advocacy

This communication plan is designed to support OGIC’s activities to promote these initiatives and advance the shared mission and vision of the Council. The plan identifies specific audiences, a summary of the messages to be sent to the audiences, the frequency of communications, and the method or tool to be used to deliver the messages.

The following methods or tools are planned for OGIC members to use to disseminate OGIC-related information: email, stakeholder listserves, in-person and virtual meetings and events, website, esri hub site, and USPS mail.

The OCC must also create new materials to support this communications plan. Draft materials will be presented to OGIC for review and approval for use by all OGIC members.

# Communication Plan Summary

| Audience | Message Summary | Frequency | Method / Tool | Distributor | Support Materials | Supports Initiatives |
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| GIS Community At-Large | * OGIC Meeting Highlights / Decisions * GIS Events * Framework Program Grant Opportunities * Priority Projects / Updates * OGIC Bills / Legislative Concepts * Education: data sharing, mgmt, etc. | * Quarterly Newsletter * As Needed | * web site * hub site * listserve * EIS newsletter | * OCC Reviews * GIO | * newsletter template | * All Initiatives |
| OGIC Member Constituents | * Specific items of interest as they arise. | * Variable | * Email * Listserves * Meetings | * Individual OGIC Members |  | * All Initiatives |
| OGIC Members & Advisory Committees | * Meeting Agenda/Materials * OGIC Newsletters | * Quarterly Newsletter * As Needed | * web site * hub site * listserve | * GIO |  | * All Initiatives |
| Legislators | * Bills of interest / concern * Funding requests * OGIC Intro * Benefits of data sharing (need & value) | * As Needed | * Meetings * Presentations * Legislative Days | * Legislative Coordination Committee Members | * Fact Sheets   + OGIC 101   + Priority Projects   + Framework Program * Storymaps | * Strengthen Communications * Legislative Coordination |
| Events | * OGIC Info * Benefits & Requirements of Data Sharing * Framework Program Info | * Variable |  | * All OGIC Members | * Fact Sheets * Monitor / Computer | * Strengthen Communications * Improve Data Sharing |
| Framework Data Custodians & Stewards | * Information specific to data sharing requirement of public bodies | * As Needed | * Email * Formal letter via USPS | * OGIC Chair * GIO * OGIC Members * Framework Coordinator |  | * Strengthen Communications * Improve Data Sharing |

GIO = Geographic Information Officer - Rachel L. Smith

# List of Events for Possible OGIC Participation

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| Event Name | Month |
| OSACA Conference | January |
| Oregon APCO/NENA Conference | April |
| GIS In Action | April |
| Framework Forum | March/April |
| OSACA Conference | August |
| NW GIS User Group Conference | September |
| Framework Forum | October |
| LOC Annual Conference | October |
| GIS Day | November |
| AOC Annual Conference | November |

# Listserves

OGIC currently uses listserves to manage communications to OGIC members and OGIC advisory committees. To deliver information to the GIS community at-large a new listserve will be created. The following listserves will support OGIC communications.

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| Listserve Name | Message Summary |
| OGIC Info | * OGIC Meetings/Agendas * GIS Events (conferences, GIS Day, Framework Forums, etc.) * New statewide datasets/data updates * Importance/Benefits of data sharing, mgmt, governance * Framework Forum Notices * Framework Program Grant Opportunities * Priority Projects Notices / Updates * Legislative bills of interest or concern * Legislative funding requests |
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| OGIC (Members) | Listserve used to communicate with OGIC members. |
| PAC | Listserve used to communicate with the OGIC Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). |
| TAC | Listserve used to communicate with the OGIC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) |