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Being GIS professionals you should know that roughly 1/3 of the area of the state is north of Eau Claire and Green Bay. Just a reminder.

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Unfortunate that there appears to be not listening sessions in Northern Wisconsin?

Date: Mon, 14 May 2007 08:52:05 -0500

Regarding the May 10 listening session in Madison:

First of all, the listening session was excellent. It was extremely well run. The food was appreciated also. I have some comments on the diagrams and people's understanding of the two models. First, each diagram as it exists now is well done. However, it would be very helpful if:

1. the two diagrams had the same look and feel, i.e., same style, font type and size, 3-D boxes or not, inner white rectangles/ovals or not, both vertically oriented or both horizontally oriented, etc.
2. both used the same terms, e.g., Governor, legislature, etc. Some of these may be sort of obvious, but some aren't, such as DOA by itself or DOA Division of Enterprise Technology.
3. the connecting lines and arrows were labeled. For example, a big difference between the models is whether people are elected or appointed. Please add the appropriate labels.
4. other key differences are added as text somewhere on the diagrams for quick clarity, rather than having to scan through the accompanying text.
5. another page were included that has both diagrams side by side for easy reference. Everyone was trying to flip between 2 pages to compare models.

Also, it would be good to give people, say, 10 min. to re-familiarize themselves with the models before doing the small group discussion on them. Although I had read the text before, I couldn't remember everything. Either give some quiet study time or have the 2 representatives spend more time presenting each model and allow more question/answer time so people could really see the differences. That part was too fast, and confusions remained.

I realize that some things were purposefully left vague to generate discussion, but the diagram suggestions above and being sure that people understand the models is important.

Thank you,