



# About the State Cartographer's Office

## Responsibilities

The State Cartographer position was created in 1973 by the Wisconsin Legislature and assigned to the University of Wisconsin. The University created the State Cartographer's Office (SCO) to assist the State Cartographer in performance of the following statutory duties:

- 1 **Maintain a catalog** of maps of Wisconsin available in municipal, county, state, and federal agencies.
- 2 **Promote cooperation** amongst municipal, county, state, and federal mapping agencies and surveyors to facilitate coordination and information exchange.
- 3 **Stay up-to-date** on the progress made by mapping agencies.
- 4 **Disseminate information** about innovations in mapping techniques and procedures, map and air photo indexes, control data, data accuracy standards, legal aspects of map publication, and other topics in order to facilitate an effective mapping program for the state.
- 5 **Publish special maps** to promote the mapping of the state and the use of maps by individuals, as long as these maps are not within the activities of another state or commercial agency.
- 6 **Assist the Department of Natural Resources** in its work as the state representative of the US Board on Geographic Names and its other functions.

The specific statutory language can be found in section 36.25(12m) of state statutes.

## Vision and Mission

Our vision is a Wisconsin geospatial community that is well-informed, supported, and collaborative, and that operates on complete, up-to-date, integrated information for effective analysis and service delivery to the citizens of the state.

Our mission is to foster the development of the state's geospatial community by facilitating the creation and exchange of geospatial data, services, and information, and promoting their informed use.

The Wisconsin Idea lies at the heart of our efforts. The Wisconsin Idea is the principle that education should influence people's lives beyond the classroom, and that knowledge and expertise within the University of Wisconsin should enhance the quality of life for all citizens of the state.

## Strategic Priorities

- 1 **Education and Training.** Deliver and support geospatial education and training opportunities, to promote the advancement of geospatial technology across the state.
- 2 **Research and Innovation.** Engage in applied research projects to develop and disseminate information about new methods and practices.
- 3 **Data Development and Integration.** Develop and apply methods and best practices for statewide data development and integration, to support data analysis, decision support, and service delivery.
- 4 **Data Discovery.** Improve online data discovery and access, to provide the geospatial community and citizens with access to the best available data.
- 5 **Community Engagement.** Engage, inform, coordinate, and support the Wisconsin geospatial community.

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student assistants who  
work on projects to gain  
real-world experience.