

UCGIS Receives New Grants

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UCGIS has received two new grants.

The first is for follow-on research for the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) entitled "Building the NSDI at the Base: Establishing Best Sharing and Coordination Practices Among Local Governments". The grant is for \$74,000. The Principal Investigators on the project are Francis Harvey, the University of Minnesota, and David Tulloch, Rutgers University. Drs Harvey and Tulloch were PIs on the initial grant "Exploratory Studies of the NSGIC/FGDC Framework Survey".

The second is a \$15,000 seed grant from ESRI to support GI Science research opportunities to support federal agencies, especially relating to homeland security. The UCGIS winter meeting Congressional Breakfast will highlight the use of GI Science in disaster response and homeland security efforts. More information on this effort will be available at the winter meeting.

UCGIS has also submitted a proposal request for second and third year funding for the Global Urban Indicators Project through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. If accepted, this grant will allow an expansion of the number of UCGIS universities participating in the research.