

**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE (472)**

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**As Enacted by Act 730 of 2015 & Act 8 of 1<sup>st</sup> Ext. Session of 2015**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Arkansas Geographic Information Office was created by Act 1250 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The 87th General Assembly established the office as a standalone agency responsible for coordinating the development and maintenance of geographic information systems (GIS) data throughout the state. The office coordinates with all levels of government, private and non-profit sectors to reduce duplication of effort, operating GeoStor, Arkansas' GIS clearinghouse which provides parcel mapping for assessors, aerial photography, land surveying of facilities, utilities and natural resources (land, water, oil, wildlife, gas, forestry). The road centerline file program is used to locate people, places and events along the roads by correlating them to a physical address and is used to assist with education, E9-1-1 offices/disaster and emergency response, economic development opportunities, digital flood mapping, and other statewide geographically linked information such as boundaries and districts (schools, political). The system is also used to drive the state's Streamlined Sales Tax database that supports distribution of county and city sales tax.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office (AGISO) is \$2,949,324 in FY2016.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The appropriations for the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office are funded with general revenue, federal and trust funds.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**OPERATIONS**

This appropriation provides for the operations and is funded by general revenue. The agency has a change level increase of \$46,509 in the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching line item for a Surveyor position.

Per Act 8 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015, four positions and \$446,052 in appropriation, authorized in Section 1 (Positions) and Section 37 (appropriations), are transferred to AGISO to provide for the transfer of the Division of Land Survey from the Agriculture Department.

**MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS - 21ST CENTURY**

This is a new appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 initially established by a Miscellaneous Federal Grant request that provides for the operations of implementing a reference system including road class, road design, and surface type.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions:7)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 12

Total Base Level Positions: 8

Increase / (Decrease) Over Base Level: 4\* (Increase is the result of the transfer of the Division of Land Survey from the Agriculture Department.

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 0 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

\*NEW LANGUAGE\* TRANSFER OF CARRY FORWARD: Adds carry forward language that would allow the agency to utilize unexpended funds in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund account for special projects relating to the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure.

\*NEW LANGUAGE\* PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE: Adds language to allow the agency to use a Request for Proposal process on the creation, development, and maintenance of framework data.

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