

FGDC Standards Approval Process

PROPOSAL STAGE

Step 1.

Develop Proposal - A new National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) standards project proposal is submitted.

Step 2.

Review Proposal - The Standards Working Group reviews and evaluates the standard proposal. The proposal goes out for public comment.

PROJECT STAGE

Step 3.

Set Up Project - The FGDC Subcommittee or Working Group establishes the project and activates standards development.

DRAFT STAGE

Step 4.

Produce Working Draft - The Standards Development Group proceeds with standard development.

Step 5.

Review Working Draft - The Standards Development Group submits a working draft for pre-public review and then prepares a committee draft for public review.

REVIEW STAGE

Step 6.

Review and Evaluate Committee Draft - The standards Working Group evaluates the Committee Draft of the standard and makes a recommendation for public review to the Coordination Group.

Step 7.

Approve Standard for Public Review - The Coordination Group reviews the recommendation of the SWG and approves standard for public review.

Step 8.

Coordinate Public Review - The FGDC Secretariat announces and coordinates a public review of the proposed standard. Testing and validation of the standard take place at this time.

Step 9.

Respond to Public Comments - The Standards Development Group reviews all comments and produces a revised standard and a comment response document. Results from testing and validation of

the standard are documented.

Step 10.

Evaluate Responsiveness to Public Comments - The proposed standard and a public response document are reviewed by the Standards Working Group.

Step 11.

Approve Standard for Endorsement - The Coordination Group reviews the recommendation of the SWG and approves the proposed standard for FGDC endorsement.

FINAL STAGE

Step 12.

Endorsement - The FGDC Steering Committee reviews the recommendation of the FGDC Coordination Group and endorses the standard.