

# A Framework for Evaluating Public Sector Geographic Information Systems

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Substantial opportunity exists to share spatial data, knowledge, and other resources across programs in the public and private sectors. This report is a discussion of the mechanisms for evaluating public sector geographic information systems (GIS). It presents strategies for quantifying potential system benefits, and it shows what opportunities exist for containing costs and maximizing the benefits of GIS implementation. The role of partnerships and information sharing is stressed in the context of maximizing the value of GIS in public organizations.