County-to-County GIS Data Sharing Agreement for SE Minnesota

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Background

- Goal:
  - Create a formal opportunity for counties in southeastern Minnesota to easily share digital GIS datasets.
- Identified Needs:
  - Road centerlines with address ranges, Address points, and Boundaries including municipal, ambulance and fire districts
- Identified Difficulties:
  - Charges for county-to-county data requests
  - Distribution of data → File Type or Size Limits

Background

- Strong working relationships between county GIS staff due to regional users group.
- Counties in the region have similar needs such as for E911.
- Informal county-to-county data sharing in the past.
- Discussions between county GIS staff throughout past 2-3 years.

Process & Timeline

- Created Draft Data Sharing Agreement
  - Reviewed existing data sharing agreements from various counties to serve as a starting point.
- Reviewed by County Attorney staff
  - Sent initial draft to the following counties:
    - Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona.

Process & Timeline

- Update Draft Data Sharing Agreement – *In progress*
  - Include reference to Minn. Statute 16E Subd. 11.
- Finalize Data Sharing Agreement – Dec 2013
- Send to County Boards for approval – Jan 2014

Data Repository Overview

- Open to counties in southeastern Minnesota*
- FTP site hosted by Goodhue County
  - No charge for this service
  - Each participating county provided with a username and password access
  - Ability to upload digital datasets and also download datasets posted by other participating counties.
  - Option to send email from FTP site that includes a secure web link for recipient to download data.

Moving Forward

- Provide formal opportunity for counties in SE Minnesota to more easily share digital GIS data.
- Expand opportunity to other counties? Other agencies?
- Starting point for future formal and larger collaborations within region?

Questions

Your feedback is appreciated!

Thank you.

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