

OSGeo signs memorandum of understanding with US Department of Interior

Osaka, Japan, 24 September 2017 - The Open Source Geospatial Foundation has signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the United States Department of Interior (DOI). The agreement enables both organizations to coordinate on the effective use of open source geospatial software and to and facilitate collaboration with the open source geospatial community.

Prof Venkatesh Raghavan, President of OSGeo, said “OSGeo has roots in projects such as GRASS and MapServer that were initiated with the support of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies. TheMoU with U.S. Department of the Interior opens up exciting possibilities for collaboration in furthering the development and adoption of Open Source Geospatial technologies and Open Data Standards to further accessibility to public data.”

About United States Department of Interior

The [U.S. Department of the Interior](#) is responsible for the United States natural and cultural resources, employing expert scientists and resource management professionals. The U.S. Department of the Interior protects the nation’s natural resources and heritage, honors national cultures and tribal communities, and supplies energy.

About the Foundation

The [Open Source Geospatial Foundation](#) is not-for-profit organization to foster global adoption of open source geospatial technology. OSGeo serves as an outreach and advocacy organization providing financial, organizational and legal support for the open source geospatial community.

OSGeo supports open source geospatial using grass roots local chapters, and partnerships with like minded organizations. Visit www.osgeo.org/about for more information.