



January 5, 2025

**To:** Oregon Geographic Information Council

**Subject:** Request for technical assistance from the Oregon Geographic Information Council

Dear Oregon Geographic Information Council (OGIC),

Thank you for providing the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) with an opportunity to present to you on January 28, 2026. Please accept this letter as a formal request for technical assistance and an overview of the presentation that OEM will provide during the meeting.

During the 2025-27 budget hearing for the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM), public safety representatives provided public comment to the Public Safety Subcommittee on Ways and Means requesting that OEM receive appropriation to support public safety agencies procure resources to map internal layouts of public facilities, such as schools, to use during critical incidents. No funding was provided, but OEM received the following budget note.

**SB5517 Legislative Budget Note:** *Emergency Response Mapping, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall report to the Public Safety Subcommittee on Ways and Means during the 2027 legislative session on existing emergency response mapping for critical public facilities, including, but not limited to, state, local, and tribal owned facilities with unique risk factors including potential target for attacks and natural disasters. Analysis should include consideration of key emergency mapping interoperability standards necessary for an accurate and accessible common operating picture for first responders during critical incidents at these types of facilities.*

The technical assistance that OEM is requesting from OGIC is to:

1. Define the universal standard(s) for interoperable mapping that should be identified in OEM's report to the Public Safety Subcommittee on Ways and Means. If there are not universal standards, please identify the most commonly used file formats that a system should utilize to promote interoperability.
2. Identify an individual who can represent OGIC and participate as a project collaborator to provide input and review into the report on Emergency Response Mapping for Critical Public Facilities that OEM is drafting.

To draft the report for the 2027 legislative session, OEM will form a collaborative interagency and interdisciplinary workgroup to provide subject matter expertise and data for the report.

Between late February and July 2026, project collaborators will be asked to participate in three meetings, respond to a survey to provide content for the report, and review and provide comments on the draft report. Estimated total time commitment is approximately 8 hours. Below is the current project timeline.

Early January – February 2026	Project collaborator recruitment
Mid – late February 2026	Project Kick-Off Meeting
Mid – late March 2026	Project collaborator work session
Late March – April 2026	Survey to Project Collaborators requesting data about current mapping systems that are being utilized.
Late April 2026	Project collaborator work session
May – early July 2026	Report development
July 2026	Project collaborator review and provide feedback on draft report.
August – September 2026	Report finalized

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Daniel Stoelb and Curtis Peetz. Please also provide response to OEM’s requests to Daniel and Curtis and their contact information is below.

Thank you,

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