

## FOX Employee Begins Term as Chairperson of Iowa Geographic Information Council

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Anne Packard, GIS Coordinator for FOX Engineering, has begun her one-year term as Chairperson of the Iowa Geographic Information Council (IGIC). IGIC is a group of Geographic Information System (GIS) professionals from the State of Iowa with an interest in promoting GIS use and collaboration in Iowa. The 25-member board has representatives from federal, state, county, and city governments; regional organizations; universities and colleges; community colleges and K-12 schools; and private businesses.

"There are many issues that IGIC will address in the next year. The biggest is utilizing our Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) Grant from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to develop a business plan for Iowa's investment in GIS. IGIC will also be looking for a way to fund state-wide aerial photography to coincide with the state-wide LiDAR (Light Detection And Ranging) project that is currently underway. And we will continue efforts to finalize our organization's strategic plan," Anne states. "My first meeting as Chairperson will be quite exciting as we will be kicking off the CAP Grant process and introducing the staff from GITA (Geographic Information & Technology Association) who has been hired to develop the business plan."

Anne continues, "I am very pleased to be working for a company like FOX that encourages everyone to get involved in their professional organizations. It is because of government agencies and businesses like FOX that the IGIC Board can continue to exist and work to better the GIS community in Iowa."

Anne has a Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture from Iowa State University. She has been working in the GIS field for more than 8 years and currently assists municipal and solid waste clients in developing systems that save them time and money by making it easier to get to the information they need, to compare dissimilar information, and to create output that clearly illustrates the issue at hand.

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