

## **Global Spatial Data Infrastructure: Are the Vision and Concepts Still Relevant?**

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### **Abstract**

The Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) evolved from data sharing and program coordination efforts coupled with the emergence of information society concepts and technological revolutions in internet communications and in geospatial tools. The global geospatial information community recognized the opportunity for increased trans-boundary coordination and for improved use of geospatial data across a broad international community. In the mid-late 1990's the Vision, Concepts and Definition of a Global Spatial Data Infrastructure were formulated by the participants of GSDI Conferences. The Vision and Concepts were ground breaking at the time and still provide a firm foundation for Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) initiatives today. The relevance of the GSDI Vision and Concepts is no less today than it was 10 years ago when it was first established.