Draft GeoLibrary Portal Metadata Policy

Metadata may be submitted by any data provider to the GeoLibrary Portal. The metadata can refer to locally held geospatial data sets, or to online spatial data available for public access via web services. The portal serves as a metadata registry, intended to be a 'card catalog' type of repository.

Metadata for the data sets must be in accordance with the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM) for access through the GeoPortal.

At a minimum the metadata for the GeoPortal that documents geographic digital resources such as Geographic Information System (GIS) files, geospatial databases, and earth imagery must include but is not limited to, the mandatory fields in the FGDC standard.

At the point when the North American Profile of the ISO Standards (ISO 19115/19139) Geospatial Metadata replaces the FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geographic Metadata, the GeoPortal metadata requirements will adopt the new standard.

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