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Geographic Information Office, Information Policy and Services Office

The Geographic Information Office, Information Policy and Services Office (IPSO) oversees the bureau's policies and functions related to information services and delivery, i.e., Libraries, Enterprise Web, information centers (through the Natural Science Network), Information Resources Management, and Enterprise Publishing.

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Library

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Library is the largest earth sciences collection in the world. This diverse collection provides an information basis for collaborative research supporting the USGS research community.

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Enterprise Web

The Enterprise Web is a bureauwide approach to managing USGS information assets on the Web. Through a network of people and resources, the Enterprise Web works with programs and partners to effectively use the USGS Web presence to advance and deliver natural science information. It provides the corporate infrastructure, best practices, and tools to focus the Bureau's Web presence on customer and business needs and to ensure that our Web sites are reliable, secure, and in compliance with all applicable lays, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements, and Department of the Interior (DOI) policy.

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Natural Science Network

The Natural Science Network (NSN) is a national integrated network of USGS data information and knowledge resources with access from diverse locations that optimizes a user's ability to seek and obtain USGS information and products. The NSN is envisioned to be an organizing framework for the activities of Enterprise Web, Libraries, and information centers. The NSN is currently under development.

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Information Resources Management

The Information Resources Management (IRM) Team provides bureau-level management of information requirements defined by Public Law, OMB, the National Archives and Records Administration, DOI, and other official sources. These requirements include records management, privacy, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Rehabilitation Act, and information technology investment monitoring.

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Enterprise Publishing

Publishing is an integral part of USGS science and the primary mechanism for transfer of USGS information products to stakeholders. Enterprise Publishing leads the development of bureauwide policies and procedures to facilitate the successful creation and delivery of information products to customers. This effort promotes the use of common publishing business practices and innovative technologies.

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