



National States Geographic Information Council



Tony LaVoi, NOAA 2016 Outstanding Service Award

Tony LaVoi is the Chief of the Integrated Information Services Division for NOAA's Office for Coastal Management. He is also NOAA's geospatial information officer (GIO). In these positions he serves as the focal point for agency-wide strategies, policy development, standards, and coordination activities related to geospatial technologies out of NOAA's Office of the Chief Information Officer. He coordinates a number of enterprise geospatial services for the NOAA GIS community of users, including many that are beneficial to state and local government stakeholders. Tony has kept NSGIC members informed and engaged in NOAA's activities through his participation in the Coastal Caucus and Geospatial Preparedness Committee meetings. On several occasions, he has carried NSGIC issues back to other NOAA staff for resolution. The states are better able to focus on their unique issues and to incorporate NOAA's services to support planning, response and recovery activities related to emergencies, coastal management, and climate-related initiatives. Most recently, Tony's influence helped to ensure the success of NOAA's nowCOAST web mapping portal for access to real-time weather observations, forecasts, warnings, and other data, while expanding available services and incorporating input from stakeholders. He did this by using a transparent process and integrating it with services across NOAA. For these reasons, Tony LaVoi has earned NSGIC's Outstanding Service Award. Chris Diller, NSGIC President, made the award (shown at left).