

## VIII. Costs

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The costs of the GIS Cooperative Program are minimal in terms of dollars and dedicated human resources. The equivalent of two full time employees are devoted to the Clearinghouse. In addition, the Project Director at OFT dedicates 50% of his time, supported by 50% of an additional staff member. There is also the equivalent of about six full time employees spread across the organizations participating in the Coordinating Body, Advisory Committees, and Work Groups. In addition, individual participants contribute bursts of effort at various times as issues they are concerned with come to the forefront. For example, people involved in the legal group gave many days of service in the development of the FOIL proposal, and members of the data coordination work group have invested extraordinary effort in the development of the Data Sharing Cooperative.

The technology costs are also minor. In order to establish the GIS clearinghouse, a server and software already owned by the Library were reused. Disk space was borrowed or bought and some low-cost web tools were purchased.

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