

GMIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

There are two ways to submit your application membership.

1. Fill out information requested below. Attach your check and mail to:
GMIS Headquarters
PO Box 27923
Austin, TX 78755
2. Submit at <http://www.gmis.org/index.aspx?NID=7> and mail your check to the GMIS Headquarters or pay via credit card.

No applications will be processed until payment is received and all payments must be payable in U.S. Dollars.

Agency: _____

Department: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Title of Contact: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Please check one: Membership fees are based on your agency's annual technology budget, excluding salaries:

_____ <\$250,000; fee is \$75

_____ >\$250,000 and <\$1,000,000; fee is \$150

_____ >\$1,000,000 and <\$3,000,000; fee is \$300

_____ >\$3,000,000; fee is \$400

Fee covers both International and New Jersey dues.

Vendor applicants please contact **NJ-GMIS** directly for information via e-mail to njgmis@njgmis.org

Membership Information

Any municipality, board of education, county or state government agency can join. Each organization names one contact person to represent it for organizational support purposes. Any employee of the agency may attend **NJ-GMIS** educational activities and meetings.

To join **NJ-GMIS**, your agency joins **GMIS International**. This structure provides members with the resources of an international network of technology leaders and all the services of the full organization, as well as connecting to your in-state peers. By joining **GMIS International**, you automatically become a member of the New Jersey Chapter.

What does GMIS International provide?

- GEM – **GMIS'** bi-monthly newsletter with problem solving articles, concerns of member agencies, and organizational news
- **GMIS** Web Page (www.gmis.org)
- **GMIS** listserv & E-mail: help and support on your concerns from colleagues all over the country and world
- **GMIS** Annual Conference: educational sessions, exhibits, and networking
- RFP Repository: Sample RFP's for systems, networks, software, and services
- User survey: database of hardware and applications from member agencies
- Awards Program: annual awards programs for IT professionals
- Value: in a recent survey, 96% of **GMIS** members felt they received good value for their membership



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What is NJ-GMIS?

NJ-GMIS is an association of government technology leaders. It provides an organizational structure, network, and activities to enhance coordination among state, county, local government and public school agencies.

NJ-GMIS provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and techniques, and fosters members' knowledge of hardware, software, communication, security, policy and other developments as they relate to government activities.

NJ-GMIS focuses solely on sharing solutions for government information technology.

Why is NJ-GMIS needed?

Managing technology is a major challenge for all government agencies. 1,500+ municipalities, schools, local authorities and counties in NJ, not to mention myriad State agencies. All face the task of identifying and deploying technology that is sound, timely, and cost-effective while meeting constantly evolving technology needs.

Typically, there is minimal coordination between agencies, as well as limited ways for agencies to communicate, share information, or spread risk; incomplete knowledge within a single agency; and duplicated solutions in agencies with common borders. **NJ-GMIS offers the potential to learn from each other solutions.**

At times departments within a single agency have overlapping technology services resulting in excessive costs. Agencies suffer from lost or unknown joint procurement opportunities. Constant reinvention (with the associated risk of failure) impacts tax rates. **NJ-GMIS helps find ways to share services and reduce costs.**

What can NJ-GMIS do?

NJ-GMIS serves as the catalyst, meeting the varied and unique needs of government technology leaders by:

- Facilitating meetings organized by government sector, by special interest groups, and by region
- Providing training and education seminars
- Sharing technology evaluations
- Sharing cost-effective practices
- Facilitating joint procurement of goods and services
- Surveying members on relevant issues
- Sharing Requests for Qualifications or Proposals and Bids
- Providing opportunities for vendors and others to educate members in an impartial and ethically sound environment
- Fostering consortiums to solve problems, procure technology products and services, and share common services
- Serving as a resource on technology related legislation and government technology policy

How does NJ-GMIS do all this?

NJ-GMIS is member-driven. Given the number and types of government agencies and the state's geography, **NJ-GMIS** develops, grows, and is driven by cross-fertilization; facilitating and supporting the interests of its membership.

Structurally, the group maintains organizational sections (state, county, municipal, and public school), and special interest groups (i.e., GIS, network security, e-mail management), and holds membership meetings by region without regard to type of agency.

Since **NJ-GMIS** is a technology organization, we use technology to foster communication with and among members. A international and NJ ListServ, a discussion forum (using the State's GovConnect Technology Coordinator portal), websites, newsletters, chat rooms, and periodic in-person meetings, are all used for member communication the goal of the association. With communication comes knowledge, and opportunities for sharing, cost savings, and efficiency.

NJ-GMIS is hosting the 1st Annual Technology Education Conference on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Palace in Somerset, N.J. with attendance of 200+ government IT managers. Visit <http://www.njgmis.org/conference.html> for more info.

Member needs drive the organization. The more that members engage and participate, the greater the value.

What about vendors?

Technology vendors – hardware and software vendors, service providers, communications service providers — all play a role in **NJ-GMIS**. By providing a neutral forum, **NJ-GMIS** allows vendors and technology coordinators educational opportunities to meet, learn, and exchange information, with procurement solutions made soundly and ethically. Vendors can join

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