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DOJ OIG Releases Report on Audit of the Department of Justice's Compliance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) announced today the release of a report examining DOJ's compliance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA), which established a formal governance framework for managing federal geospatial data, improving interagency collaboration, reducing duplication, and strengthening oversight of the federal government's investments in geospatial technologies and data assets. This statutorily-required audit follows similar previous OIG audits released in 2020 and 2022.

The OIG's latest audit found that DOJ continued to meet 11 of the 13 GDA requirements for which the OIG previously determined DOJ to be compliant, but additional actions are needed to address the remaining two requirements. Specifically:

- **Geospatial Data Collection.** DOJ should validate its geospatial data assets to ensure that only listings of datasets meeting DOJ's geospatial data criteria are uploaded to the GeoPlatform, which is the federal government's repository for geospatial data. DOJ also should ensure dataset listings uploaded to the GeoPlatform are publicly accessible and contain functional links to the underlying data.
- **Geospatial Data Standards.** DOJ should ensure all geospatial dataset listings uploaded to the GeoPlatform include metadata that complies with required data standards and contains all required metadata elements.

The OIG made three recommendations to improve DOJ's efforts to comply with the GDA. DOJ agreed with all three recommendations.

Report: Today's report is available on the OIG's website.

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