

## *Cheyenne / Laramie County Cooperative Emergency Preparedness Interconnectivity Project*

This project was initiated by the Cheyenne/Laramie County Cooperative GIS Executive Committee, Laramie County, City of Cheyenne, Cheyenne Area Transportation Planning Process and the Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities in 1999. The proposal for inter-connectivity between seven locations in downtown Cheyenne was to benefit the public and all agencies involved by:

- Maintaining a common base of information, maps, technical expertise, knowledge, hardware and software in order to avoid unnecessary duplication.
- Developing and supporting common applications and products.
- Increasing public information and awareness of local geography, projects, and location potential.
- Increasing strategic planning for emergency preparedness, mitigation and response time.
- Increasing strategic planning for technical infrastructure leading to greater productivity and lower costs.
- Aiding in economic development efforts by improving information for businesses interested in location or expansion and more effective use of marketing expenditures.
- Contributing to new knowledge by combining information using the latest technology.
- Decreasing the GIS learning curve and contributing to a significant cost savings.
- Allowing for better planning, management and delivery of government services.
- Allowing for better targeting of human services programs and improving integration of human services with other government activities.
- Allowing for better planning for rural areas around Cheyenne as well as within Cheyenne.
- Improving deployment of police, fire, and emergency responders. It will also improve rapid response and allocation of scarce resources to areas identified as needing more attention.
- Improving management of natural resources and improving environmental quality by improving the quality and dissemination of information about public health threats.

Consistent interagency discussions and agreements resulted in a successful project completion in December 2000.

