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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Abstract</p>	<p>The General Authority of Islamic Affairs & Endowments was established pursuant to the Federal Law No. 29 of year 2006 to be in charge of implementing UAE's policy for Islamic Affairs & Endowments. The Authority main activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing spiritual counsel and guidance to instill the principle of moderation. • Spreading the Islamic culture and promoting religious awareness. • Managing and supervising mosques, and providing them with the necessary services to fulfill their mission. • Organizing and controlling the Hajj and Umrah affairs. • Preparing and qualifying Imams and preachers in coordination with academic institutions in UAE an abroad. • Granting licenses to religious centers, Hajj and Umrah campaigns, preachers, Imams and prayer callers according to Emirate rules and regulations. • Supervising the Holy Quran memorization centers and other religious institutes. • Organizing and supervising conferences, seminars, competitions and other related activities. • Reviewing publications and recordings and determining their validity for circulation. • Managing endowments within the views to grow its fund and creation of new endowment projects. • Advancing endowment tradition within the UAE society. <p>Vision: A leading Authority to enlighten people and society according to tolerant teachings of Islam that recognize reality and consider future.</p> <p>Mission: Developing religious awareness and care about mosques regulating affairs of Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) and Umrah (minor pilgrimage to Mecca), and investing endowment in favor of society.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">GIS Profile</p>	<p>A computer based system is currently under development to provide a detailed registry of all mosques and database and software tools for mosque planning and management.</p> <p>The development of a system is being lead by the Urban Planning Council (UPC) with cooperation between Abu Dhabi General Services (ADGS), Abu Dhabi Systems and Information Centre (ADSIC), Abu Dhabi Municipality (ADM), AAM (Al Ain Municipality), WRM (Western Region Municipality) and AWQAF in order to ensure the system meets the needs of all involved. Since the location, distribution and demand for mosques is vital requirement for these agencies, the support system will be based on Geographical Information System (GIS).</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SDI Involvement</p>	<p>The General Authority of Islamic Affairs & Endowments joined the AD-SDI initiative in 2008. AWQAF provides the SDI community with all needed information related to mosques, and is therefore a significant contributor to the Community Facilities efforts.</p> <p>Once fully engaged in the AD-SDI, AWQAF will be able through the geospatial clearinghouse to leverage the digital basemap layers and imagery maintained by municipalities and other member entities to locate their mosques in an electronic manner, and to utilize the advanced analytical and visualization functions facilitated by GIS to plan and manage mosques and other endowments.</p>
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