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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Abstract</p>	<p>DED is responsible for proposing the economic and commercial policies for Abu Dhabi Emirate and preparing the plans and programs required for implementing those policies. DED regulates all businesses in Abu Dhabi, issues trade licenses and inspects businesses, coordinates submissions of annual budgets for development projects from all other government departments, promotes international investment in the Emirate, supports the development of Abu Dhabi's private sector, administer commercial licensing and trade name registration, and conducts surveys and statistical analyses on a variety of economic and social themes.</p> <p>Vision: "To create an ideal economic environment that ensures continuous growth and provides promising opportunities for a developed society."</p> <p>Mission: "To develop economic plans, enhance Abu Dhabi's business environment and provide tools and mechanisms that focus on customer requirements to allow for the continuous creation of opportunities for society."</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">GIS Profile</p>	<p>DED is in the process of building their enterprise GIS capacity. Currently, DED is developing a modern business center the first stage of which was completed and is operational. During the second stage of the business center development, DED will start introducing GIS capabilities in its business license applications including the deployment of a mobile solution that will be used by the inspectors. DED is also in the process of developing online e-services such as trade license registration and renewal. Businesses in the future will be able to perform those transactions through the DED website which will be integrated with the DED business center. The trend is to have those services spatially enabled using the AD-SDI infrastructure.</p> <p>DED is also in the process of geocoding their commercial licenses information using the basemap data available from the municipalities with facilitation by ADSIC/ AD-SDI. Part of this activity, DED is working together with the ADSIC/AD-SDI team to provide hands-on training to their inspectors on GIS; the latter have started utilizing digital maps accessed from the AD-SDI geospatial portal to support their inspection activities. This is also supporting the internal quality control and validation of licenses information in DED's license database.</p> <p>In the future, the GIS is expected to become an integral component of DED's day-to-day operations including service counters, inspection, studies and research, economic analysis, and others.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SDI Involvement</p>	<p>Since 2008, DED has been working with ADSIC/ AD-SDI to geocode the commercial licenses through their routine inspection activity. During Q4 2009, almost 20% of the commercial licenses in Abu Dhabi Island were geo-coded. Concurrently, DED and ADSIC are exploring together the best means to accelerate the capture of the commercial licenses which will contribute largely to the community facilities as well as other cross-sector activities in Abu Dhabi. The benefit of the commercial licenses geocoding will include the following: critical to users experience on the AD-SDI portal, critical to spatially enable spatial applications and e-services, empowers points of interest needed for navigation and routing and is essential input to analytical requirements for urban planning, waste management, traffic analysis, emergency management, hazardous material risk assessment, economic analysis, car navigations systems input, etc...</p> <p>The commercial licenses geocoding process acceleration is expected to be completed during Q3 2010. Concurrently, the ADSIC/AD-SDI team is working together with DED to institutionalize the maintenance of the spatially enabled commercial licenses information in the future as part of DED's day to day operations.</p> <p>It is important to highlight that the commercial licenses geocoding will result in several AD-SDI data products that will be made accessible and shared by various types of users including public, academia, businesses and government. The type of access will vary depending on the profile of the concerned stakeholders.</p>

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