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INSTRUCTIONS

The goal of this lab is to familiarize you with different types of Neighborhood Information Systems currently in use and to help you assess aspects of these sites which may prove useful for the Lawrence project. **Before filling out this survey, please explore every feature of the website listed below in order to gain a general understanding of the project history and goals, as well as the data capabilities of the site.** Once you feel comfortable with the site's overall organization and content, please evaluate the site according to the following:

Urban Strategies Council's Oaktown Datahouse

<http://www.urbanstrategies.org/>

Example address: 2043 E 21st St

Use/Quality of data dictionary or glossary?

(data definitions and origins, potential data issues)

1 <i>poor</i>	2	3 <i>ok</i>	4	5 <i>excellent</i>
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Ability to retrieve parcel-level data?

(data or statistics in table or chart format)

1 <i>poor</i>	2	3 <i>ok</i>	4	5 <i>excellent</i>
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Ability to map parcel-level data?

(e.g. housing or land-use information)

1 <i>poor</i>	2	3 <i>ok</i>	4	5 <i>excellent</i>
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Ability to retrieve census data?

(data or statistics in table or chart format)

1 <i>poor</i>	2	3 <i>ok</i>	4	5 <i>excellent</i>
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Ability to map census data?

(e.g. income, education, race, ethnicity)

1 <i>poor</i>	2	3 <i>ok</i>	4	5 <i>excellent</i>
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Use/Quality of legends and data labels?

1 <i>poor</i>	2	3 <i>ok</i>	4	5 <i>excellent</i>
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Describe your ability to control how data are queried?

(e.g. population density v. raw population numbers; percentage of vacant lots v. number of vacant lots)

1 2 3 4 5
poor *ok* *excellent*

Describe your ability to control how data are presented?

(e.g. multiple layers of data on a map; zoom, colors or symbols, classification)

1 2 3 4 5
poor *ok* *excellent*

Describe the site's use of local knowledge or non-traditional data?

(people's stories, thoughts, ideas, opinions)

1 2 3 4 5
poor *ok* *excellent*

Describe the site's overall aesthetics – the look and feel of the site?

1 2 3 4 5
poor *ok* *excellent*

Describe the site's organization – how straightforward is the basic layout?

1 2 3 4 5
poor *ok* *excellent*

Describe the site's ability to communicate project history, mission, and goals?

1 2 3 4 5
poor *ok* *excellent*

What is most useful about this site?

What is least useful about this site?

Rank the following:

On a scale of 1 to 4, how well do you think the site serves the following users?

1 meaning "best served" and 4 meaning "least served"

_____ Researcher/Professional

_____ Nonprofit/Community
Development Organization

_____ Government Employee

_____ Community Resident