



## August 2006 Monthly Newsletter

### First GOM³ End-User Conference

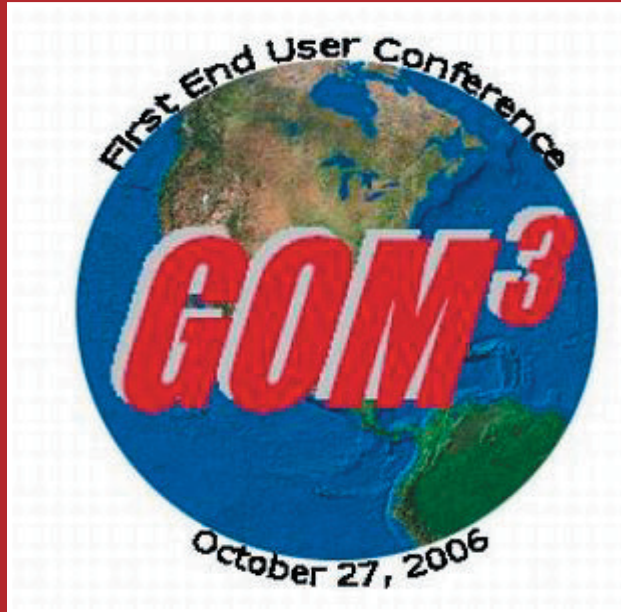
Over the last couple of years, as the number of GOM³ users has grown, many of you have suggested we organize a user conference. In response, the first of these meetings will be held Friday, October 27, hosted by BP at their Westlake campus in Houston.

Our goal is to make this as effective a forum

for communication as possible; therefore, we are limiting attendance to two people per client-company. Also, this first meeting will be targeted toward end-users, those geologists, geophysicists, engineers, land specialists and technologists who directly use GOM³ for mapping and analysis. For those IT and GIS-support specialists who enable the work of end-users, we are planning a separate meeting in the first quarter of 2007.

Several sessions will compose the meeting. It will open with our review of what we've accomplished in GOM³ and our view on further development. During the day, we will have two blocks of three 20-30 minute papers covering geologic, geophysical, geochemical and engineering/operations applications presented by GOM³ users. We will close the day with a session to elicit guidance and priorities from you on GOM³'s future development.

At mid-day, we plan an extended, informal lunch designed to allow attendees to meet not only with ESA personnel, but representatives



from the companies and institutions with whom we've made technical links, allowing GOM³ users to access their data and analysis (via our 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Data menu on the GOM³ Tool Bar). We have also invited several others whom we see playing a role with our user community in the near future.

We hope that the End-User

Conference will identify development objectives for ESA that carry the greatest impact in your company - expansion of data coverage, functionality innovations and extending technical links to more companies that also provide data and analysis to you. Moreover, we expect that the user papers, interaction with colleagues from other companies and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Party peers will catalyze more effective use of GIS generally.

To register for the meeting, log onto our web site at [www.earthsci.com](http://www.earthsci.com). On the left side of our home page, under Quick Links is a new choice "End-User Conference." Click this link and choose your company from the list of our clients and register. Next month, we will provide details on the meeting to registrants. We look forward to seeing you in October.

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