

GOM³**GOM³ Quarterly Newsletter****2008 User-Support Conference is May**

ESA is continuing its practice of two separate user conferences a year. Our fall meeting is oriented to end-users: geoscientists, engineers, land-people, scouts, techs and managers making maps and analytic products. Our spring meeting is intended for the IT and GIS professionals who support and enable end-users. It is now scheduled for the morning of Thursday, May 1 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Hess had kindly offered to host the May 1 meeting, but an accident befell their meeting facility at the end of March. Apache has generously invited us, on short notice, to hold the meeting at their office, which is located in the Galleria area (Thanks!).

There will be a combination of client and ESA presentations. We will focus on improving installation and update efficiency and discuss deployment of GOM³ (and ArcGIS generally) in a Citrix environment. We hope to get input on recent and planned upgrades in our GOM³-Direct Report Access (DRA) tool; new leasing and unit data added the March update. The beta of our SEG-Y tool is continuing after the first attempt required more development. We plan a June release and anticipate that there will be implications delivering seismic data to GOM³. This



summer, we plan adding new real-time environmental data and will be experimenting (with volunteers) on new delivery of the DRA tool's map functionality.

We are also proposing a blind benchmark study for GOM³ in a variety of environments. Our goal is to work with clients to reduce to absolute minimums the wait times end-users experience when doing

routine tasks, like loading GOM³, data sets, redraws, gridding and other common operations. The results would be reported back showing each client's relative position by performance metric against all other (anonymous) participants in the study.

As in the past, we are asking that each client send only 1 or 2 IT/GIS specialists to our meeting; small groups are much more conducive to active exchange. If you would like to attend our GOM³ User Support Conference on May 1, please register through www.earthsci.com – there's a link on the left side of the home page. Registrants will receive meeting details, agenda and material by email the week before the meeting.

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GOM³ Calendar

**2008 GIS-Support Conference
May 1, 2008**

**Next Public Training
May 12 – 13, 2008**