

GOM³

September 2007 Monthly Newsletter Second GOM³ End-User Conference

ESA will hold its Second GOM³ End-User Conference on Thursday, October 25, hosted by Marathon at their office on San Felipe in Houston, near the Galleria. Our goal is to build on last year's conference to provide a forum for exchange of ideas between end-users, to give us guidance on GOM³'s development and for ESA to report to you on our plans.



Like last fall's meeting, the conference is targeted toward *end*-users: those geologists, geophysicists, engineers, scouts, land specialists, technologists and managers who directly use GOM³ for mapping and analysis. For GIS-support specialists who enable the work of end-users, we have a separate spring meeting.

There will be four sessions with a lunch intermission:

1. ESA's report on development over the last year and current plans for next year.
2. A user forum to provide us guidance on user needs and direction for GOM³. We will have two short-term focus points: completing the integration of OOSA data and importing seismic sections SEG-Y into GOM³'s 3-D GIS component. The three longer term issues are increasing web-service of GOM³ functionality, 3-D beyond the ArcScene platform and increasing GOM³ support for engineers. We will send a questionnaire to attendees before the meeting to help guide this process.
3. Three case-study papers:
 - a. William Johnson (Stone Energy): "Emergency Response Made Simple," how Stone built a GIS-based system for real-time response to hurricanes in the Gulf.

- b. Gary Antene (Maersk Oil): "Accessing and Mapping OOSA Data in GOM³," demonstrating the capabilities included in the September 2007 GOM³ release including OOSA as a 3rd Party data partner.
- c. Jerry Moon (GX Technology): "Integrating the GULFSPAN Seismic Framework Project into GOM³ – Phases I & II," demonstrating the integration of interpreted seismic into

3-D GOM³ in the June 2007 and plans vector based interpretations in 3-D GIS.

4. Open Forum with our 3rd Party Partners. All eight of our present 3rd Party Partners (PDI, GeoMark Research, University of Texas-Institute of Geophysics (GBDS), Earthfield Technology, PFC Energy, Earth Studies Group, GXT and OOSA) will be present to discuss their own services and how better integration between us could better serve user needs.

As we did last year, we are asking that no more than 2-3 users from each company attend; a smaller group facilitates discussion. To register, log onto our web site at www.earthsci.com. On the left side of our home page, under Quick Links is a new choice "End-User Conference." Next month, we will provide details on the meeting to registrants. We look forward to seeing you in October.

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GOM³ Calendar

**Central Sale 205
October 3, 2007**

**2007 End User Conference
October 25, 2007**