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Joint Training on ArcGIS and GOM³

Training users on **GOM³** is a top concern for ESA and came out of our first End Users Conference as a priority for many of our client companies. We have always offered in-house training sessions, usually to groups of 7-10 users in a full day course of morning class-room and afternoon for one-on-one covering special problems/topics. We will continue to offer these courses and invite you to contact us about scheduling them.

However, we want to augment this offering because it leaves two big gaps. First is that companies often have people who would benefit from training, but find scheduling even a morning for 8-10 people difficult. There has been no mechanism to train just one or two users. Second, our teaching **GOM³** would be much more efficient and effective if everyone in the class knew the basics of ArcGIS. If they did, we could concentrate on working with various GOM data sets and the high-leverage tools that ESA added to **GOM³** (beyond basic ArcGIS functionality).

To improve our training services to you, we have teamed with TeachMeGIS.com, the leader in teaching GIS to the petroleum industry, to fashion a special two-day course, the first session of which will be on January 22-23, 2007. It will be held at the TeachMeGIS facility at 3000 Wilcrest Dr. Houston, TX 77042.

Day 1 (Monday, 1/22), will be Fundamentals of ArcGIS for Petroleum Users (<http://www.teachmegis.com/outlines/CustomClassOutlines/Fundamentals.htm>)



taught by TeachMeGIS. This classroom/lab course takes a non-user, or rare user to a proficiency with ArcGIS that will allow you to make maps, join data sets, perform queries and perform basic spatial analysis.

Some examples will be drawn from **GOM³** data sets.

Day 2 (Tuesday, 1/23) will start with a restructured version of our previous morning classroom training session (http://www.teachmegis.com/outlines/Introduction_to_GOM3.htm). We are advancing the level of the morning session, as basic ArcGIS will not be covered, leaving time to concentrate on more detailed exercises based on **GOM³** data and functionality. The afternoon session will go further, covering data joins and relates in greater detail, 3-D, the queries now available on **GOM³**-Direct Report Access and solving student-posed problems.

The cost of the two-day session is \$600. You can take the first day, Fundamentals of ArcGIS, without the second day for \$400, or take the 2nd day on just **GOM³** for \$400. However, those not taking the first day will be presumed to have good ArcGIS understanding and skills. You can register using the TeachMeGIS form here: <http://www.teachmegis.com/core/LinkClick.aspx?link=55&tabid=55&mid=345>. Call ESA's office or David Dunbar at 281-910-8869 if you have any questions.

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