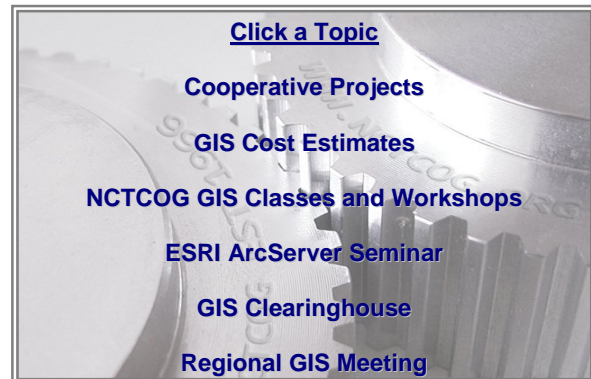


Cooperative Projects

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is still trying to secure 40% of the cost of [aerial photography](#) and possibly [contours](#) from regional partners Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), DFW Airport, Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA), North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas District, and TxDOT Fort Worth District. NCTCOG will be making a sizable contribution as a regional partner. We are confident we will secure enough funding from regional partners, local governments, and private companies to capture aerial photography for all 16 counties in the [NCTCOG region](#) in 2007.



GIS Cost Estimates

Cost estimates for aerial photography, contours, planimetrics, and [iCommunities](#) are now available online. Main GIS contacts were notified via e-mail in March. Cost estimates for [planimetrics](#) now have three additional features: driveways, swimming pools, and concrete pads.

The final price for 2007 products will be determined in October 2006. For now, please secure the dollar amount provided in the cost estimate letters for your FY 2007 budgets. If your agency didn't receive a cost estimate letter in the mail or the e-mail in March, please [contact me](#).

NCTCOG GIS Classes and Workshops

In order to better serve the training needs of ESRI users in North Central Texas, NCTCOG and ESRI have restructured the class schedule and guidelines. Starting in July, ESRI will handle the logistics and administration of all courses, including registration, billing and payments (including purchase orders). NCTCOG will continue to provide the classroom facilities and computers. This setup will decrease the chances of classes being cancelled.

Pricing will not change; the list price for any course is \$450 per day. Discounts are available for state and local Texas governmental agencies, federal agencies, educational institutions as well as organizations sending multiple students to a single class. The class schedule will still be located at <http://gis.nctcog.org/classes.asp>. Starting in July, you may also enroll at <http://www.esri.com/training> or by filling out a [registration form](#) and faxing it to ESRI at (210) 499-4112.

More classes, including Introduction to ArcGIS I, Introduction to ArcGIS II, and ArcIMS Administration will soon be added to the 2006 schedule. Please visit <http://gis.nctcog.org/classes.asp> to view the complete class schedule and sign up for a class. If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Canaday at ESRI. She may be reached at (210) 499-1044 or scanaday@esri.com.

Upcoming Class Schedule:

Class	Dates	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost	Remaining Seats
Data Production and Editing Techniques	5/10 – 5/12	\$1,125	\$1,350	2
Advanced Analysis with ArcGIS	5/31 – 6/2	\$1,125	\$1,350	8

In previous years, NCTCOG facilitated three Regional GIS Meetings a year. As mentioned in the February newsletter, NCTCOG along with the [South Central Arc Users Group](#) (SCAUG), will only schedule two Regional GIS Meetings a year, in April and October. NCTCOG will replace the third Regional Meeting with two free GIS Workshops held at the [NCTCOG offices](#) in January and July. Workshops will be geared towards GIS Managers and Senior Analysts. Topics will include ArcSDE using SQL Server, Customizing Arc Objects and VBA, GIS Administration, and Advanced Editing. Workshops will last between 4 and 6 hours. Registration will be limited to 100, with local governments receiving preference when registering. More details concerning topics and registration will be provided in the June Regional GIS Newsletter.



ESRI ArcServer Seminar

ESRI has scheduled a free half-day ArcServer Seminar on Tuesday, June 27. The location has not been determined, but will most likely be a hotel in the DFW area. Please go to http://www.esri.com/events/server_gis_seminar/index.html to view the seminar details and download the registration form. ESRI will be sending notifications via e-mail as soon as a location has been determined. If you don't receive an e-mail from ESRI, please contact John Hunt, Sr. Marketing Representative, at (817) 905-9005 or jhunt@esri.com.

GIS Clearinghouse

We have improved the functionality of the GIS Clearinghouse. All downloads now use e-mail notification, thus decreasing the chance of a timeout error when downloading large files. To ensure that these e-mail notifications are not blocked by a bulk e-mail filter, please add webmaster@nctcog.org to your address book. Notification will have links and instructions for retrieving zip files. Recent additions include: National Hydrologic Datasets (NHD) and Census Blocks, Block Groups, and Tracts with SF1 data tables joined. Planned additions include: 2005 Landuse, Census Blocks, Block Groups, and Tracts with SF3 data tables joined and Cities, Counties, and Zip Codes with SF1 and SF3 data tables joined. We are also working on creating interactive downloads with zoom in and zoom out capabilities.

NCTCOG coordinates data exchanges with cities, counties, and 9-1-1 coordinators. Roads are updated twice a year, city limits are updated once a year, and zip codes are updated every other year. Please visit <http://www.dfwmaps.com/clearinghouse> to download GIS data.

Regional GIS Meeting

Thanks to those that attended the Regional GIS Meeting at the City of Euless and others that helped with the setup and coordination. All the presentations can be viewed at <http://gis.nctcog.org/meetings.asp>. The next meeting will be on October 12 at Brookhaven College. Please contact me if you would like to present or contact Justin Cure, GIS Administrator for the City of Longview, at (903) 237-2700 or jcure@ci.longview.tx.us.

Contact Information

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions, or are interested in participating in any of the projects listed above, please contact me via phone or e-mail.

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