AIMS Coordinators Meeting Minutes
Hosted by Johnson County AIMS
111 S. Cherry
Olathe, KS 66061

Announcements
Jay Heermann made an announcement on behalf of Advantage Tech, a recruiting firm looking for an SDE Administrator.

Next meeting
September 21, 2006
Hosted by JCW

Orthophotography Update

Shannon Porter gave a brief update on the current status of AIMS imagery products. The 2006 orthophotography flown in April was delivered on August 14th. The imagery is currently being QC'ed with an expected delivery date to AIMS data partners by early September. The Appraiser's office has finished QC'ing the Oblique photography and that product is also on schedule to be released in mid September for training on the Multivision software. The expected delivery date of Lidar data to AIMS is scheduled for mid October.

ArcGIS Training

Stephanie Bany asked the group if there would be any interests among the coordinators to have AIMS provide an ArcGIS editing class that would provide basic to intermediate editing training along with tips and tricks. It was agreed that there would be interest. Stephanie will start gathering requirements and will post a notice on the AIMS website under training.

2006 ESRI User Conference Discussion

The remainder of the meeting focused on open discussion among attendees of the 2006 ESRI user conference.

The first topic of discussion was ArcImage Server a new product shown at the plenary session. This product was touted as a way of taking raw imagery and doing rectification "on the fly" and serving that imagery to users as soon as it is required. The group wondered how this product would affect current photogram try companies and the time it currently takes for photo rectification. Could see real benefits in a disaster situation where imagery needed to be flown and served quickly.

The next topic centered on ArcGIS Server and how it will fit into coordinators plans. It was mutually agreed that ESRI's direction is to replace the current ArcIMS product with ArcGIS server after the 9.2 release. They have announced a

new licensing scheme that supports this conclusion. ArcGIS Sever 9.2 will be offered in a "Basic", "Standard" and "Advanced" editions. The "Advanced" edition will be the only version that supports editing in a web browser. There was some interest for field applications to be able to edit the enterprise geodatabase through the web directly. OP mentioned they will probably look at ArcGIS server sooner rather than later to coincide with a city wide website redevelopment.

The group also mentioned enhancements to the latest version of ArcIMS and that product will have improved "out of the box" solutions for site development. Among other new features is the ability to "blend" two or more different map services into one ArcIMS service, improved security features and that you will now be able to use Maplex annotation.

Advantages and disadvantages of the types of personal, file and SDE geodatabases were discussed. In terms of the file geodatabase, the question was asked – Is it too late? Since most organizations have enterprise SDE geodatabases, was this a feature that we would use, especially with the addition of new types of SDE databases, "personal" and "workgroup" based on using SQL Server 2005 Express edition.

The last topic centered on enhancements to ArcGIS desktop. Most agreed that "usability" was the keyword here. A short list of enhancements include being able to copy and paste from an identify window, enhanced attribute tables, the "flicker" tool, animating charts and graphs and being able to pre-set your own full extent. 9.2 will also include enhanced documentation and help features. A complete list of "What's New in 9.2" can be found on the ESRI Website.

 http://www.esri.com/software/arcgis/about/whats-coming.html