



**The
Connecticut GIS
User to User Network**



**User to User Network Meeting
March 2, 2005
MDC Training Center**

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 Arrive, network and catch up with colleagues

9:00 - 9:15 Business meeting

Nominating Committee report
Election of New Steering Committee members
Committee reports

9:15 - 9:30 Announcements

General announcements re. seminars, meetings, training, etc.
Legislative update – status of pending legislation affecting GIS
ADS40 50cm RGB and CIR imagery for coastal communities

9:30 - 9:45 Introduction to TOPOFF3

TOPOFF3, to be held in southeastern Connecticut in April 2005, is the third national emergency preparedness exercise. The name TOPOFF arises from the fact that the exercise will involve top officials. TOPOFF3 also was cited in Governor Rell's Executive Order Number 4 that established the Interim Geospatial Council.

<http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=1719&Q=288404>

9:45 - 10:15 Introduction to Governor's Interim Geospatial Council

Governor Rell's Executive Order Number 4 established the **Governor's Interim Geospatial Council**. The Council has met twice and is in the process of organizing and planning short and long term actions. Deb Dumin and Steve Fish, both from DEP and members of the Interim Council, will present an overview of the Council, its mission, and goals and will discuss opportunities for U2U members to help it succeed.

10:15 - 10:30 Q & A session on the Governor's Geospatial Council

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 11:30 Use of GIS by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency – MEMA

Mike Philbin, Director of Planning, MEMA, will discuss the rolling out of the first generation of the electronic Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (eCEMP) system. eCEMP is a web-based system that is designed to capture emergency related information on facilities, inventories, emergency evacuation routes, and other data necessary to plan for and respond to an emergency event in Massachusetts (be it man made or natural). The system provides an extensive array of forms for data capture as well as a GIS components for the geographical location of facilities, building footprints, evacuation routes and hazardous routes (GIS data capture over the web). Local Emergency Managers are able to login to this secure system and update and generate revised CEMP plans; the system builds the reports and then downloads them as one or more pdf documents. Likewise, a user of the system is able to dynamically generate current thematic GIS maps including the location of critical infrastructure, hazardous facilities, evacuation routes, etc. This system is unique in that it provides for the capture of data at the local level in a structured and validated fashion while at the same time enables MEMA personnel to gain quick and direct access to the most critical data at the State level.

11:30 - 12:00 Introduction to the Connecticut General Assembly's Bill Tracking System

Paul Alderucci, Manager of Application Development and Paula Hammon, Manager of Information Technology Training, Office of Legislative Management, will provide an overview and live demonstration of the Legislature's bill tracking system. This should be of interest to anyone wanting to know the status of proposed legislation.

12:00 - until? Opportunity for additional discussion about U2U's role in the Governor's Interim Geospatial Council