

Omega News

Get Ready for Analyze This!

Our Fourth User and Training Conference is scheduled for September 6-8, 2006 at the Omni Hotel in San Diego. A hands-on-lab, workshops and user presentations will all help attendees gain the valuable skills needed to navigate through the daily data barrage. We will all once again be going to see the Padres play at Petco Park. Our theme is Analyze This! and there will be an emphasis on meaningful analysis. The Doctor's office will be greatly expanded with additional laptops and you will again be able to get one-on-one help with your application on one of our servers.



San Diego is one of the most popular destinations in the United States

The keynote address will be given by Chief Don Oliver from Wilson Fire Department in North Carolina. Don Oliver is a thirty-seven (37) year veteran of the fire service. Come see what your peers are doing at one of the many user presentations. Representatives from fire, police and education agencies across the country will be talking about how they use GIS to accomplish their goals. The "Early Bird" deadline for registration is June 1, 2006. For more information please visit our Web site:

www.theomegagroup.com

We hope you can join us in sunny San Diego!

A Message From Our President

We are proud to say that we have now been in business for over thirteen-years and our solutions have helped hundreds of school, fire and police agencies throughout the US and Canada. Some of our recent successes include New Haven Police, CT, Beamount Independent School District, TX, Goodyear Fire, AZ and Indianapolis Police, IN.

School Planner™ for the ArcGIS 9.x environment was released in February of this year and is already having an impact on boundary planning efforts at Merced City School District, CA. We have also developed a Web based boundary lookup application, School Locator™, that allows parents to look up their elementary, middle or high school of attendance based on address.

Our future plans include continued efforts to provide solutions for communities that improve the quality of life. We thank you all for your continued support!

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Indianapolis PD is currently implementing CrimeView Enterprise

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ARJIS online crime mapping will help with regional data sharing

ARJIS Sets New Mapping Standards in San Diego County!

Public service and information sharing are the focus of our work with the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) for San Diego County. Through the coordinated efforts of The Omega Group, ARJIS staff and numerous contributing agencies a regional Web based crime mapping application has been established in San Diego County. The service is to be released to the public in the summer of 2006 and features a state of the art interface as well as crime data that is automatically updated every twenty-four hours.

School Planner for ArcGIS 9.1 Released!

After one-year of intensive work by our development team The Omega Group is proud to announce the recent release of School Planner™. All of our solutions are now fully migrated to the ArcGIS 9.x environment. School Planner™ is designed to meet the needs of demographers and facility planners. It features a comprehensive student enrollment forecasting engine, extensive redistricting tools, cyclical reporting as well as many other enhancements. As our first installation in the new environment Merced City School District is already benefitting from School Planner™. The solution will be used to assist with pupil placement, run enrollment projections and redraw existing educational boundaries.

Developer's Corner

Omega's latest version of desktop software is due for release in May 2006. This new version now follows a major-minor software naming convention rather than the previous 'Service Pack' terminology. Version 4.1, the latest release, will be shipped to all Omega customers current on their support. Enhancements provided at 4.1 include the ability to send multiple PDF Crystal Reports with a Threshold Alert email. Omega's Spatial Trend routine has also been modified to include a date-time range.

The Development Department is actively preparing a web hosting environment scheduled for deployment this summer. We will be able to save agencies the cost of a server and software by hosting applications such as CrimeView Community™ and School Locator™. Along with hosting capabilities, development staff is finalizing the 'My Neighborhood Watch™' product which provides email notification to the public when incidents occur within their chosen area of interest.

At the upcoming Omega User and Training Conference, Development staff will showcase future tools, including the introduction of our new dashboard product. Many of these tools will take advantage of the new enhancements introduced with ArcGIS 9.2, such as the new file Geodatabase and geocoding index.



Our "Smash That Pig!" program helped raise funds for Katrina victims

Smash That Pig!

The Omega Group and its employees recently made a donation to the American Red Cross in support of the victims of hurricane Katrina. Our hearts go out to all the displaced families on the Gulf Coast. We would like to thank all Omega employees who contributed so generously to the smashing of the office piggy bank.

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