

GDW Meeting Summary for March 3, 2021

2021 First Half TMGIS GIS Training from H-GAC: The staff at TeachMeGIS (TMGIS) has produced a list of additional GIS training classes from March through June to go along with the existing February and March classes already posted to create the 2021 First Half GIS Training Schedule from TMGIS and H-GAC. This new semi-annual training schedule concept will allow H-GAC and TMGIS to offer more classes annually that are timely and relevant to our GIS community and are updated twice a year as opposed to once in the very beginning of the year. Just like years past, these classes offered through H-GAC come at a 20% discount off the regular price for all current GDW and H-GAC members as well as all H-GAC employees once verified by TMGIS staff. TMGIS and H-GAC will have the second half schedule up closer to summer, likely near the end of June. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the GIS trainings offered by H-GAC will be virtual instructor-led trainings by TMGIS staff until further notice or a trainee requests to take the class in-person at a TMGIS facility. The completed first half schedule can be seen on the [GDW Meeting Materials page](#) for March and should be added to the H-GAC GIS Training website by next week. For questions, class details, or class registration, please head to the [H-GAC GIS Training website](#).

2021 Data Axle (formerly Infogroup) Cost-Share: Due to the winter storm, H-GAC extended the registration window for the 2021 Data Axle (formerly Infogroup) Cost-Share program by a week and then closed the registration last week with 11 total participants and a possible 12th participant that is pending. With registration closed, H-GAC issued out letters of intent to the participants to fill out, sign, and return with desired contribution levels no less than the set minimum amount this year of \$3,545 (however if there is a 12th participant this minimum amount will drop and H-GAC will notify all participants of this). The 2021 letters of intent are due back to H-GAC no later than the close of business on Monday, March 15th. Once H-GAC has all of the letters returned, the 2021 contract between H-GAC and Data Axle will be signed by both parties and the cost of the final data will be split among all registered participants where the participants receive both residential and business databases in a few different GIS formats as well as SAS and DBF tables for the entire 13 county H-GAC region in May 2021. For more information, please visit the [2021 Data Axle \(formerly Infogroup\) Cost-Share Program homepage](#) or contact [Brooks Andrews](#) with H-GAC.

Guest Presentation – Introduction to Esri Micro-Regions: Zena Pelletier with Esri introduced the GDW to the latest GIS community activity and engagement tool from Esri, called Esri Micro-Regions. As Zena explained, Esri’s Micro-Regions are smaller territories of the Esri San Antonio State and Local Government Team’s jurisdiction. These micro-regions are designed to keep those within the specific region connected and engaged as a GIS community with their peers and with their Esri representatives. Each micro-region has a dedicated GIS Hub homepage where registrants can: post their local events to a large group calendar; collaborate with each other on GIS projects and share their ideas; and lastly share GIS data, GIS applications or maps, and other related documents or tools with one another. For more information on Esri Micro-Regions or to find your local micro-region, you can visit the [Esri San Antonio State and Local Government Team GIS Hub](#) or visit the [Esri Micro-Region Map](#).

Announcements/Other Items:

- Esri is hosting quite a few upcoming virtual events and conferences over the next few months. All of these events and conferences are open to the general public to attend and are listed below:
 - The [2021 Esri Developer’s Summit](#) is hosted virtually from March 9-11
 - The new [Esri Cartography MOOC](#) has started up this month with multiple offerings in February and March
 - The [Esri Petroleum GIS Conference](#) is hosted virtually from May 4-6
- H-GAC announced that they are starting to look into the 2022 H-GAC Aerial Imagery Cost-Share Program and needs input from former participants on the current physical product model as there are a number of emerging companies offering a primarily service-based solution. H-GAC will likely reach out to former participants and the GDW Aerial Advisory Group to discuss this soon and host a few imagery vendors at upcoming GDW meetings.