GeoElections News

Success! The Eighth Annual GeoElections User's Conference

The headliner at the conference this year was guest speaker Catherine Clark McCully, Chief of US Census Redistricting Data Office. Chief McCully spoke about the preparations for the 2010 decennial enumeration in which the Bureau is presently engaged. She also provided a time line for the release of both geography and demographics for the P.L. 94-171 data used for redistricting at state and local levels.

Attendees learned how new features in **MI Pro 10.0** in addition to numerous feature enhancements to **GeoElections®** will make them more effective. The two features that appeared to receive the greatest interest were **WebElections™** and **GeoPackager©**. Read other stories in this issue of **GeoElections News**.

St. Lucie Team Integrates GeoElections Data With Garmin Hand Held

James Macrellis spoke about an application that loads mapped polling place information onto an economical Garmin hand held. After explaining in detail how to use the "GPS Export" in detail with a Power Point presentation, Jim distributed CDs with the software and instructions to all attendees.
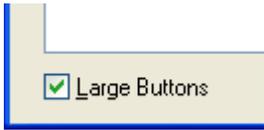
Census Bureau Chief Opening Speaker

Catherine McCully, Chief of Census Redistricting Data Office provided the opening presentation covering a broad range of topics which included a brief history of the Census Bureau, history of the Redistricting Data Program, and the five phases in the 2010 Redistricting Data Program.

Of specific interest was the discussion of the compressed VTD Data Verification Phase schedule our participating Florida elections officials will be working with in the first quarter of 2010. This is the follow on step from the work performed 1st quarter of 2009.

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MapInfo Professional Includes New Icons For Tool Bars

With MI Pro Version 10, the icons for the Tool Bars have gone through a dramatic redesign. The new look is listed below along with the name of the Tool Bar and the name of the icon. And, by the way, MI Pro Version 10.0 now has an update available from PBBI, Version 10.0.1.

Web Services
Grab Bar
Close
Open WMS Window
Open WFS Table
Find Address
GeoCode Using Server
Create Drive Regions
Web Services Preferences

DBMS
Grab Bar
Close
Open DBMS Table
Refresh DBMS Table
Unlink DBMS Table
Make DBMS Table Mappable
Change the symbol for a mappable DBMS table
Disconnect DBMS

Draw
Grab Bar
Close
Symbol
Line
Polyline
Arc
Polygon
Ellipse
Rectangle
Rounded Rectangle
Text
Frame
Reshape
Add Node
Symbol Style
Line Style
Region Style
Text Style

Standard
Grab Bar
Close
New Table
Open
Open Workspace
Save Table
Save Workspace
Close All
Save Window
Print Window
Cut
Copy
Paste
Undo
New Browser
New Mapper
New Grapher
New Layout
New Redistricter
Help

Main
Grab Bar
Close
Select
Marquee Select
Radius Select
Polygon Select
Boundary Select
Unselect All
Invert Selection
Graph Select
Zoom-in
Zoom-out
Change View
Graber

Info
Hotlinks
Label
Drag Map Window
Layer Control
Ruler
Show/Hide Legend
Show/Hide Statistics
Set Target District
Assign Selected Objects
Clip Region On/Off
Set Clip Region
Create a Scale Bar

Tools
Grab Bar
Close
Run MapBasic Program
Show/Hide MapBasic Window
Run Mapping Wizard Tool
Draw Scale Bar

Improve Legibility

The user can check **Large Buttons** in the **Toolbar Options** dialog box accessible from the MI Pro **Options>Toolbars** command sequence.

Large Buttons

MI Pro 10.0's new flexible user interface greatly improves organization and productivity. The new user interface allows users to dock toolbars on all four sides of the application helping to improve the efficiency, reduce screen clutter, and save time. MI Pro10.0 also includes a powerful new layer control. This redesigned layer control, can be either a floating or docked window remaining visible during the entire mapping session, providing quick and easy access at all times in addition to an auto-hide feature.

MI Pro 10.0 offers great map finishing and output options. The dynamic scale bar automatically adjusts and updates as you zoom, pan, and resize the map window. Once the desired maps are created, MI Pro 10.0 supports exporting maps to layered PDF format. The PDF layered format allows future access to the various layers of data. This enables specific layers to be turned on and off, depending on the requirements, providing flexibility for the end user, your readership.

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