

Free Public Lecture

# *The National Map*— Coming to Your Neighborhood!

**Integrating and  
Sharing Geographic  
Information in the  
Public Domain**

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- Begun by the USGS in 2001, *The National Map* is a 10-year vision for a seamless, constantly updated, national geospatial database
- This vast public database will be continually updated through local partnerships, selectively printable, and available on the Internet and at neighborhood kiosks
- Implementation projects—such as the Lake Tahoe and Sacramento areas—demonstrate the benefits of integrating high-resolution local datasets
- With the current focus on homeland security, datasets for 10 U.S. urban areas are scheduled for completion this year, at a resolution of 0.3 meter (1 foot)
- Because many printed maps are more than 20 years old, *The National Map* will be of great value for multiple uses, including planning, disaster response, and recreation

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**Thursday, May 22, 2003, 7:00 pm  
USGS, Conference Room A, Bldg 3,  
Menlo Park, California**

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