

Abu Dhabi Education Council Honoured at Esri EdUC

At this year's Esri Education User Conference (EdUC), Dr. Michael Gould, Esri director of education for industry solutions, presented the Making a Difference in Education Award to His Excellency Dr. Mugheer Khamis Al-Khaili, director general, Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC). The annual conference provides the opportunity to exchange information and ideas among educators and to honour individuals and organisations for their exceptional work in implementing geographic information system (GIS) solutions.

GIS is used at ADEC to help it implement its ten-year strategic plan. This includes

- Analysing the use of current school buildings
- Planning the location of new schools
- Reducing student performance gaps between schools
- Balancing the classroom instruction load among the teachers

GIS is also used to achieve other ADEC initiatives such as the management of student transportation, replacement of aging facilities, and improvement of student access to high-quality education. In addition, the ADEC GIS has been successfully integrated with its other enterprise databases, including the student information system, which maintains student records and is used as a basis in preparing administrative reports, and its enterprise resource planning system, used for educational resource management.

Al-Khaili went on to say that Abu Dhabi's nationwide GIS has greatly improved the decision-making process within the government and that he envisions a time when all seven emirates in the national federation will be working from a common geodatabase.

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