



Government Geospatial Bundle

Autodesk, Inc. (DC, USA) made available of a new government geospatial bundle that combines Autodesk's powerful GIS products with Google Earth Pro. The bundle is called the Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution with Google Earth Pro, and is available on the General Services Administration's (GSA) Schedule 70.

The combined package enables both professional and technical users to create, manage, share and visualise an integrated data environment that combines highly accurate and precise geospatial data with the imaging and search capabilities from Google Earth Pro. Using the Autodesk Government Geospatial Solution with Google Earth Pro, government agencies can now make rich and detailed global data readily accessible to non-engineering users who can easily use and share the information.

It includes the following core software applications:

- Autodesk Map 3D 2007, which provides mapping functionality to engineers and geospatial professionals for integrating CAD and GIS information.
- Autodesk Raster Design 2007, which provides the ability to visualise and manage raster images, including georeferenced image files, aerial photographs, digital elevation models in an integrated environment.
- Autodesk MapGuide Enterprise 2007, which enables technical workgroups to create HTML-based applications that integrate numerous GIS live datasets. MapGuide can also be used to publish Autodesk, Intergraph and ESRI geospatial content for viewing in Google Earth Pro.
- Google Earth Pro, which provides ease of use for business users who require access to a blend of spatial data and integrates full-earth datasets with robust, highly detailed datasets from a variety of sources.

Agency technical staff can use Autodesk Map 3D and Raster Design to create, aggregate and edit precision GIS datasets. These datasets can then be accessed via the web by Autodesk MapGuide, which can either publish to HTML or KML via beta plug-in software available for free download at the company's Autodesk Labs Web site. Non-technical agency personnel, using Google Earth Pro, can then access the precision datasets quickly and easily and leverage them in an easy-to-use, flexible fashion to support their agency business objectives. In addition, Google Earth Pro enables the agency business users to marry the internal agency GIS data with the rich external data in Google Earth Pro.

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