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DURHAM, N.H. -- The public is invited to attend the GIS Day Science Conference and College Fair at the University of New Hampshire Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m.

UNH's GIS Day is an annual event focused on educating professionals, students and the public about Geographical Information System (GIS) technologies and promoting career and educational opportunities within the field. This year, participants will experience a new feature, a massive, 11-foot diameter globe of a NASA satellite image of the Earth.

Other public events will include an extensive cartographic exhibition, a professional geo-spatial science vendor hall, and a New England regional geo-spatial science college fair. About 250 high school students from area schools will attend morning presentations introducing key technologies and careers in this rapidly growing field.

GIS is a computer-based tool for mapping, analyzing and displaying data about locations on the Earth's surface. The information offered through GIS gives people a better understanding of a place so that they can make better management decisions. For example, GIS can be used to help make a decision about the optimum location of a new housing development that has minimal environmental impact, is located in a low-risk area, and is close to a population center.

For more information about this technology and GIS
Day, including a list of invited presenters, visit the GIS Day 2002 Web site at http://gisday.sr.unh.edu.

This year's events will be held at the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space in Morse Hall on the UNH Durham campus. Admission is free.

GIS Day is sponsored by the New Hampshire Space Grant Consortium and the UNH Complex Systems Research Center and promoted by the UNH Earth Science Club, the National Geographic Society, and the United States Geological Survey.

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