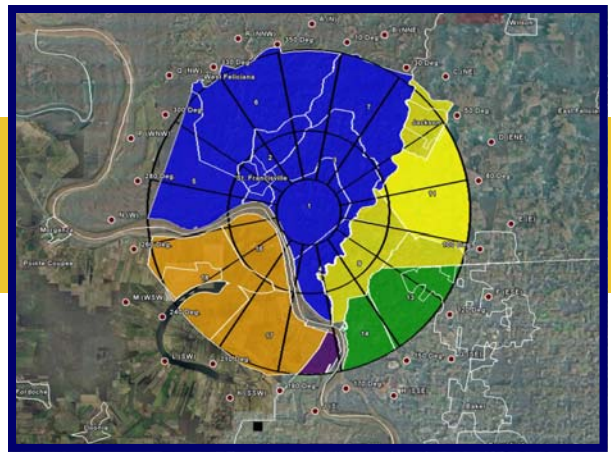


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### OVERVIEW

Following the successful launch of Virtual Alabama, the State of Louisiana became the second State in the country to adopt the Google Earth Enterprise solution to provide a visualization tool that will allow first responders across the State to access data that was previously unavailable. Virtual Louisiana is customized to show only imagery and data created for Louisiana. Over the past few years GOHSEP and several local governments have acquired high resolution imagery and mapping data for its major urban areas, critical infrastructure and key resources throughout the State. Virtual Louisiana provides a platform that allows the first responder community who are not trained on Geo-



graphical Information Systems (GIS) software to view the information through a secure internet based application. This software allows all levels of government to share a common operating picture and view mapping data that was created by local and State government.

GOHSEP is currently working with local government to expand the amount of local data that is available to the first responder community. Virtual Louisiana is available to anyone in government and is provided at no cost. Account request are validated by government issued email

addresses.

**To Request an Account** to Virtual Louisiana, go to the following website: <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/laearth.htm>.



### For More Information:

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Full three dimensional models are available for all of downtown New Orleans and Baton Rouge.



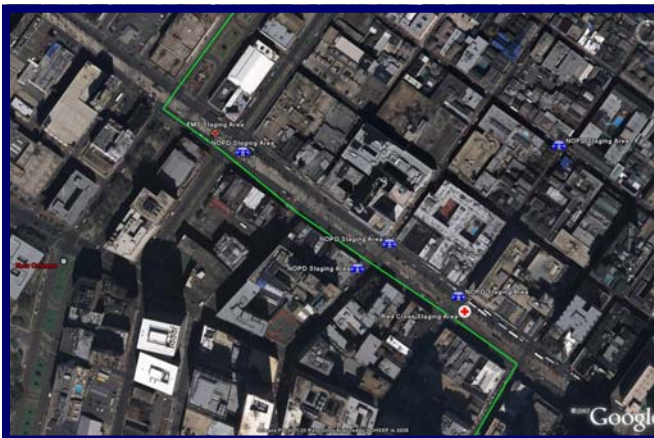
Virtual Louisiana has the capability to bring in live weather data. Pictured above is Hurricane Gustav as it made landfall on September 2, 2008.



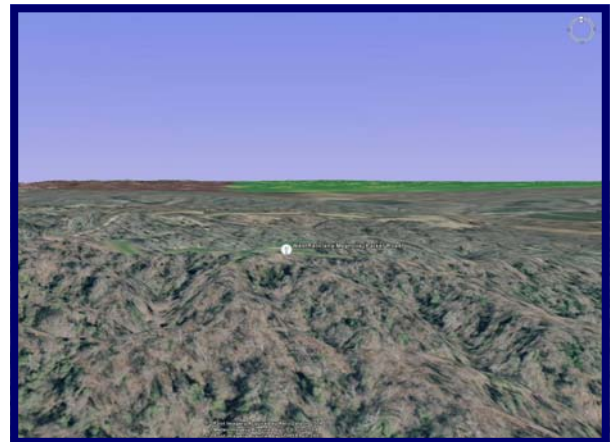
Interior of the LSU Art and Design building which was created by the LSU's School of Landscape Architecture.



Virtual Louisiana allows the user to create place marks directly on top of the imagery. Above is a mock security plan created for a site in Louisiana.



Virtual Louisiana hosts local data at the request of local governments. Pictured above are Operational Graphics from New Orleans in support of Mardi Gras



Over the last several years, the State of Louisiana has acquired detailed elevation data for the entire State. Virtual Louisiana allows the user to see the terrain as it actually appears.