

#### Design Meets GIS

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noun

1. a plan or drawing produced to show the look and function or workings of a building, garment, or other object before it is built or made.

"he has just unveiled his design for the new museum" synonyms: plan, blueprint, drawing, sketch, outline, map, plot, diagram, draft, representation, scheme, model "a design for the offices"

2. purpose, planning, or intention that exists or is thought to exist behind an action, fact, or material object.

"the appearance of design in the universe"

synonyms: intention, aim, purpose, plan, intent, objective, object, goal, end, target; More

verb

 decide upon the look and functioning of (a building, garment, or other object), typically by making a detailed drawing of it.

"a number of architectural students were designing a factory" *synonyms:* plan, outline, map out, draft, draw More



## Defining Design is *Imperative*







## GeoDesign



Climate change modeling



Urban planning





Community development



Ecosystem Modeling

#### CAD Design: Civil, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical...



## Somewhere in Between: Defining Utility Infrastructure Design

Simple Designs (Layouts, extensions)

Engineered Designs (Non-standard, calculations)

Major Projects (Capital improvements)







**GIS-based** Design

CAD-based Design





Unit

100.00 %

0'0"

6800 lb/m

27061 ft-lbf

## Industry Perspective – Move to Design Tools



The market is also exhibiting a shift toward best-of-breed selection of design applications, in contrast to the prior decade of development. In the past, utilities often assumed that a GIS-based "industryware suite" approach would ensure tight integration between design applications and the GIS and with external systems such as CIS and EAM. Data exchange standards have matured to the extent that a number of utilities in the past couple of years have selected a design vendor that is different from their incumbent GIS vendor.

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Gartner Group – Magic Quadrant for Utilities



## GIS Consolidation in the 1990s | New islands in 2000s



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## Design is Not a Single Step Process



Conceptual



Engineering





Detailed

## Electric Transmission Line Design



Conceptual



Engineering





Detailed







Plan/Design



Schedule







Operate



GIS



Design/CAD





Accounting



**Materials** 



Mobile



Others



#### GIS Provides: Serviceability | Context for initial layout





Design/CAD

Work/Asset Management



Accounting





Materials



Mobile



Others



GIS Provides: Common landbase | Reference assets | Initial extents

CAD Provides: Graphic design | Engineering Analysis | Detailing





Work/Asset Management



Accounting









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GIS



Design/CAD

Work/Asset



Accounting









Others

Management

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Operations generates an ongoing, new cycle of asset management activities that typically involve GIS, CAD and Mobile



GIS



Design/CAD



Management



Accounting







Mobile



Others

Materials

## What's Next for Utility Design Integration?



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## Constructability – Convergence of Design and Construction





## Conclusions – Challenges and Opportunities









#### **Questions / Discussion**







There has always been a gap between CAD and GIS as related to the design of utility systems. Both CAD and GIS are critical to supporting design, and are becoming more and more important with the increased need for better designs and more efficient workflows. This is particularly notable for utility organizations that need to support varied business requirements in areas ranging from planning, operations and asset management.

This presentation looks at the utility design process and the integration points between GIS and CAD. Use cases that support different design workflows will be examined and differences between conceptual design, engineering design and detailed design will be explained. The presentation will also look at how utility design is changing based the demand for designing dynamic networks, as required to support the Smart Grid such as distributed energy resources, microgrids and sensor-based (Internet of Things) data sources.

