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**BERGMANN ASSOCIATES' GEOSPATIAL SERVICES TEAM
CELEBRATES GIS DAY IN FOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Rochester, N.Y., November 19, 2008 – Today marks the 10th Anniversary of GIS Day! GIS Day provides an international forum for users of geographic information systems (GIS) technology to demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society. More than 80 countries will participate in holding local events such as corporate open houses, hands-on workshops, community expos, school assemblies, and more. The National Geographic Society has sponsored Geography Awareness Week since 1987 to promote geographic literacy in schools, communities, and organizations, with a focus on the education of children.

GIS Day is held on the Wednesday of Geography Awareness Week. GIS Day is principally sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United States Geological Survey, The Library of Congress, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard, and ESRI.

In Rochester, Bergmann Associates has several members from its Geospatial Services team participating in GIS Day activities this year by visiting several area school districts:

Activities for Wednesday, November 19th

11am to 12:15pm, Hilton - Carol Zollweg, Bergman GIS Developer, and Lindsey Drum, Bergmann GIS Technician, will be teaching students about GIS in Mrs. Elias' 3rd & 4th grade class at Quest Elementary in Hilton.

Noon to 12:30pm, Brighton - Michael Ross, Bergmann GIS Analyst, will be teaching students in Kathleen Hutter's 2nd grade class at Brighton's Council Rock Primary School.

1pm to 2pm, Marion - Kate Buss, Bergmann GIS Analyst, will be teaching students about GIS in Ms. Kate Walker's 3rd grade class at Marion Elementary.

The Elementary students will receive a brief lesson on GIS and geography and will participate in a variety of map making activities that reinforce spatial concepts learned in the classroom. Students will create their own school maps by tracing land, water, building and road features from an aerial photo of their school, as well as, create fire escape and shortest distance maps.

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9:30 to 11am, Aquinas - Kate Buss will also be presenting to Mr. George Lombardo's Senior Environmental Studies class at Aquinas High School. Students will receive a brief lesson on GIS, will be shown examples of how Bergmann Associates uses cutting edge GIS technology and will learn about the various career opportunities available in the rapidly expanding GIS Industry.

About Bergmann Associates

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