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### LOCATION: City of Las Cruces, City Hall Conference Room 2007B



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This presentation is patterned after the successful seminar (GIS track) presented on February 26, 2015 at the 2015 PLSS Rocky Mountain Summit Conference in Arvada, Colorado. A comprehensive outline and the power point presentation for that seminar can be found under "Past Seminars" at <u>www.globalcogo.com</u>. This presentation will be somewhat different with a greater emphasis on GIS applications and more attention focused on details of the GSDM. Hopefully we will also see how the GSDM can serve as an "umbrella" for the LDP concept.

An abbreviated outline for this seminar includes:

- I. Introduction Scope of Surveying & Mapping
- II. Persons involved in GIS work with spatial data and maps
  - A. Geometry
  - B. Datums
- III. Big picture context of spatial data
  - A. 3-D world, modern 3-D measurements, and 2-D maps
  - B. Map projections
  - Coordinate systems
    - A. Geodetic
    - B. Geocentric
    - C. Local

IV.

- D. State plane
- E. UTM
- F. Low Distortion Projections (LDP)

#### Break

- V. Overview and goals of cartography
- VI. Elements of map projections
- VII. Examples of map projection applications
- VIII. Focus on advantages of the LDP strictly 2-D
- IX. Looking beyond the LDP capturing the advantages of LDP in 3-D
- X. Features of the global spatial data model (GSDM)
- XI. How does the GSDM provide "umbrella" for challenges of handling spatial data?
- XII. Implementing the GSDM locally all pieces are already in place.