

## **On-line GIS training via the SCA ESRI Virtual Campus Subscription**

The SCA ESRI Virtual Campus Subscription website provides information for obtaining on-line training courses for ESRI GIS software. These courses are available at no cost to NRCS personnel. Please visit <http://www.gis.sc.egov.usda.gov/training/virtual-campus/index.html> for information.

The basic procedure for NRCS staff to obtain a course is this:

- A student first must choose a course from the Virtual Campus 'Standard' subscription offerings via the ESRI Virtual Campus web site.
- After making sure that they have applicable hardware and software needed to take the course, they then need to request supervisory approval for the course AND input the course into their training record. This can be done through AgLearn using the 'External Training Request' tab and is similar to old methodology of requesting a 'Non-Catalog' course in iCAMs. (Note that students are urged to check in with their training coordinator for applicable guidance on requesting training.)
- Next, the student must request a course access code using the online request form located on our SCA website. The course access code will be emailed to the student.
- With course access code in hand, the student can then start their course on the ESRI Virtual Campus website. If the student is new to the Virtual Campus, they will need to create a student login (ESRI calls it a ESRI Global Account) for themselves on the Virtual Campus. Note that this student login has NOTHING to do with our USDA 'my.NRCS' accounts.

This is just a basic overview of the procedure - see <http://www.gis.sc.egov.usda.gov/training/virtual-campus/index.html> for further details, links, etc.

**Please NOTE:** the SCA ESRI Virtual Campus Subscription website lists a procedure to see what courses are available in the subscription. As of Oct 2006, this information is outdated (ESRI changed thier website design). To see what courses are available, do the following:

- Go to <http://training.esri.com/campus/catalog/subscriptions/>
- Under '**Standard Subscription**' click on '**courses and workshops**'.

The Standard Subscription includes all courses and workshops authored exclusively by ESRI. (Courses authored by third-parties outside of ESRI are not included in this subscription.)

## **Instructor-led GIS Training at NCGC, Ft Worth, TX**

Instructor-led GIS training taught by ESRI-certified staff at the National Cartography and Geospatial Center in Fort Worth, Texas is also available. For course descriptions and schedules, please visit: <http://www.ncgc.nrcs.usda.gov/products/training/> .