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# The Possibilities, Potential and Power of a Web-based GIS

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## **THE BARBADOS LIGHT & POWER CO LTD (BLPC)**

- **VISION: To be the best small island electrical utility in the world.**
- Area Served ~ 170 Sq miles
- Customers (2006) ~ 113, 000
- Peak Load ~ 156 MW

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## **BLPC GIS HISTORY**

- **Established 1992**
- **AutoCAD based**
- **1993 WordPerfect version..!**
- **1997 C++ Dead end..!**

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## **BLPC WEB-BASED GIS:**

- **1998 – MapViewer released**
- **Company-wide Reach**
- **Instant Hit!**

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## **WEB-BASED GIS means....**

- **Mass-ive Possibilities**
- **Mass-ive Potential**
- **Mass-ive Power**

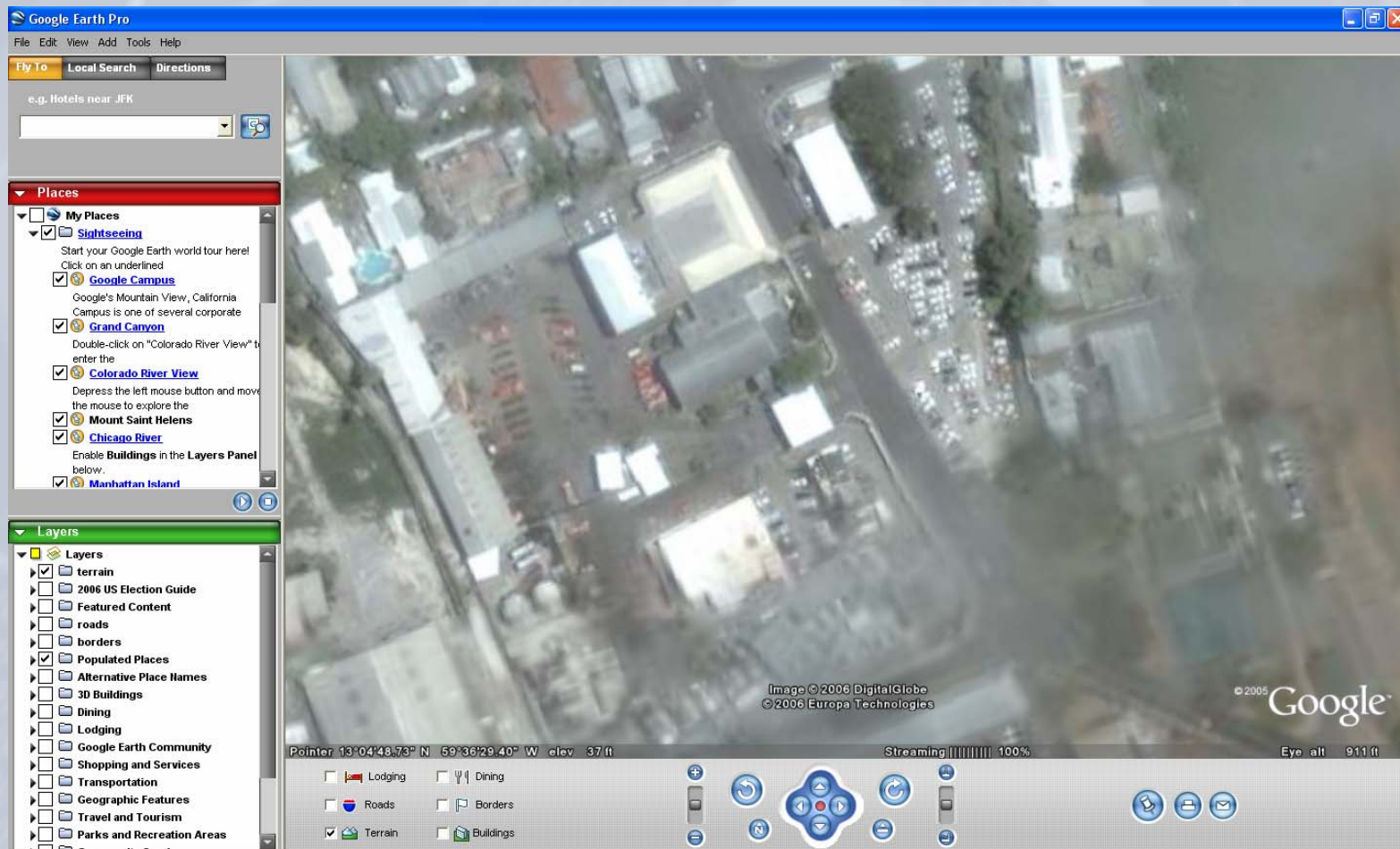
**Reaching the masses!**

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# GOOGLE'S GOOGLY - GOOGLE EARTH



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## **WEB-BASED GIS means...**

- **POWER for the Programmers!**
- **POWER for the Product!**
- **POWER for the People!**

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## **Web-GIS intrepid entrepreneurs may also face PITFALLS...**

- **Battling resistance to Change in Peers...**
- **Butting up against Cost-conscious Bosses...**
- **Batting against software bouncers...**
- **Betting on the wrong software horses...**
- **Bottling up anger against the jockeys...**
- **Bleeding at “the Cutting Edge”!**

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## USEFUL LINKS

- <http://www.carilec.com/gis/gis/>
- <http://www.hrg-inc.com/webGIS.asp>
- <http://gismap.geospatial-online.com/gssgismap/>
- <http://gislounge.com/11/freemapservers.shtml>
- <http://dsonline.computer.org/portal/site/dsonline>

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**ANY QUESTIONS?**