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## U.S. ARMY GEOSPATIAL CENTER LAUNCHES NEW VERSION OF COMMON MAP BACKGROUND ON-LINE

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** – The U.S. Army Geospatial Center (AGC) launched a faster, feature-rich version of Common Map Background (CMB) On-line recently. CMB On-line, which is a geospatial data discovery and ordering program, allows a customer to search, download and/or order geospatial data using a simple, Web-based "shopping cart" interface. A Common Access Card (CAC) is required to access the data from the AGC's public key interface (PKI) website, [https://agcwfs.agc.army.mil/CMB\\_Online/default.aspx](https://agcwfs.agc.army.mil/CMB_Online/default.aspx).

“The latest version of CMB On-line performs faster than the previous iteration and offers several new features to users, including additional easy-to-change map bases, a scale display and a coordinate display via latitude/longitude decimal degrees and/or Military Grid Reference System,” said Bob Molnar, AGC Information Technology specialist. “CMB dramatically reduces the time and expense required for field users to acquire, manage and load/import CD-ROMs of geospatial data pertinent to their areas of operations.”

Products available range from map and image datasets of small areas of interest to larger country or command datasets. Customers are able to place requests through the AGC's website, by e-mail, or phone. CMB analysts receive requests from a multitude of agencies, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' district offices, Army topographic units overseas and troops preparing for deployment. For more information about the AGC's Common Map Background program, please visit [http://www.agc.army.mil/fact\\_sheet/CMB.pdf](http://www.agc.army.mil/fact_sheet/CMB.pdf).

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*The U.S. Army Geospatial Center coordinates, integrates and synchronizes geospatial information requirements and standards across the Army, develops and fields geospatial enterprise-enabled systems and capabilities to the Army and Department of Defense, as well as provides direct geospatial support and products to Warfighters. To learn more about the AGC, please visit [www.agc.army.mil](http://www.agc.army.mil).*

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