Nigel Helliwell wrote:
>   Can anyone give me any pointers to publically available 3D graphics
> code and/or related material. I've recently started on a new project
> involving Three dimensional modeling and the manuals for Idl are lacking
> in detail in this area, so I need to know what is possible

If you are going to display/animate three dimensional volumes of
time-series
data (e.g. numerical weather model output), then check out Vis5D. It's
free,
and available at

http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/~billh/vis5d.html

Cheers,
Liam.