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Subject: attractive base map for animation

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Hi IDL geniuses,

A different sort of problem for me. I am trying to illustrate some of the complications of using data with an observation scale of 1E4 meters to observe phenomena with variation at scales of 1E3 or 1E2 meters. So instead of the rivers, continents, and sometimes states that I generally need for map annotation, I am looking for a basemap that will show urban features like freeways.

What do folks use for this? A long time ago, I would have done this in ArcMap, but 1) I don't have that software anymore, 2) I've long since forgotten how to use it; and 3) I'm hoping to make an animation, so I'm pretty sure I want to do it in IDL. The animation makes it tricky, if I needed a single image I guess I'd make a KML and lay it out in Google Earth.

Any suggestions welcome,

--Edward H.

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