



## An Overview of our Newly Designed TIPS Training Website

We are pleased to introduce a newly designed TIPS Training Website. On the **Home** page you will always find the upcoming courses. The main table of contents, on the left hand side, provides easy access to all of the training website pages.



Also, on the Home page you can find links to Internet Explorer 6.0 and Macromedia Flash Player 7.

If you don't have this software installed on your machine you might want to install it for the best navigational and viewing experiences.

The **Student Enrollment** page provides you with information on how to register for the TIPS instructor-led and online courses.

The **TIPS Courses** pages list available courses for the current and upcoming year.

**TIPS Library** makes a variety of digital resources available to you anytime day or night. There are Power Point presentations for some of the more popular TIPS courses in Flash and PDF formats for easy viewing. Also, our online library has ALA files for CAD applications training and included is a link to the ALA Viewer.

The **Class Manuals** page provides you with the information on the class manuals. For instance, the Galena Slope Stability Analysis Course Manual is available in PDF format.

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TIPS course are accompanied by ex manuals. From time-to-time, TIPS in these handouts available here on th Come back often to check for addit

**Galena Slope Stability Analysis**  
Student notes (PDF, 1000K)

**Galena User's Manual**, by Clover A  
2000K)

We expanded our **Course Developers' Resources** page by adding more categories to satisfy course developer needs. If you would like to share with us relevant resources, please contact TIPS and

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we will include the suggested links as well. TIPS training locations and TIPS-approved venue information are available for your convenience on the **Training Locations** pages.

**Contact Us** pages provide you with contact information and help to get in touch with TIPS instructors. We conclude our main navigation with the links to **NTP Courses**, the OSMRE website and useful software from TIPS.

This is a short introduction to our newly designed TIPS training website. We would like to hear from you and hope you will be back often.

## E-learning as a Part of the TIPS Training Program

We are constantly seeking different ways to expand our services and increase the satisfaction of our learners. E-learning is one of the training methods that are used to deliver instructional content through the Internet, Intranet, and CD-ROM's. E-learning tutorials and courses provide our students with additional choices and resources to enhance their expertise using TIPS software.

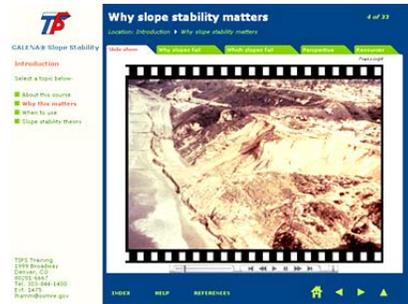
In addition, as many of you know, TIPS just doesn't have the resources to provide all of the instructor-led training that our customers want. Many of you have applied for training and have not been able to be admitted into a course. E-learning will provide us with a method of taking the TIPS training courses directly to you, the student, at your desktop and your convenience.

One of the methods for presenting instructor led-courses online is to create e-learning courses working in close collaboration with instructors who teach in a classroom setting. Currently we are utilizing this methodology in our e-learning training program.

The Galena Slope Stability online course is an online training module that has been under development by William Horton Consulting Inc, and TIPS in collaboration with our Galena instructor Lou Hamm. He teaches the Galena Slope Stability

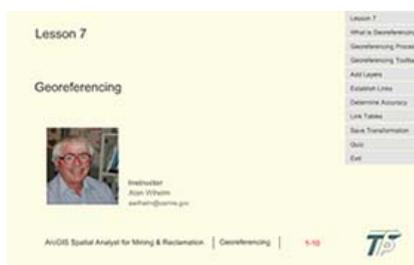
course in classroom environment. The Galena online course includes a variety of e-learning tools and methods.

Right now the Galena Online course is under development and will be implemented and offered to students in the near future.



A Georeferencing instructor-led course is one of the first in-house developments that we are conducting. *What is Georeferencing* is a topic of this e-learning lesson. The content of this lesson is presented using text, graphic, and audio formats. Learners can navigate through the lesson, read the content, analyze the graphics, and listen to the instructor's comments on each slide.

At the end of the lesson, we are offering a short multiple choice quiz to reinforce the presented information. Click on the link below to view the lesson. [http://www.tips.osmre.gov/tutorials/e-learning/georeferencing\\_lesson7.htm](http://www.tips.osmre.gov/tutorials/e-learning/georeferencing_lesson7.htm)



E-learning is an efficient and flexible tool that benefits both instructors and learners at the same time.

E-learning allows the instructor to present a variety of materials at different level of detail or difficulty, without determining the time and place of study. Well-designed online instruction encourages browsing and increased exploration of the presented information.

At the same time, instructors can be exploring different methods of communication with their students, such as through emails and discussion groups. By expanding TIPS e-learning choices, we are gaining an understanding on how we can design better, more effective instructions and improve our overall training services.