AlaskaView conducted two separate ½-day courses regarding geospatial data resources in Alaska, including where to find them and how to use them. High school, undergraduate, and graduate students, and professionals were educated on specific data sets available through the Geographic Information Network of Alaska and Landsat and historical aerial photography available through the USGS EarthExplorer website.

The first course was directed towards Alaska native high school students involved with the University of Alaska’s Upward Bound program. This is a program that aims to improve the graduation rates of high school students and increase the number of graduates who enter colleges and universities.

The second course was a partnership between AlaskaView and Alaska EPSCoR during EPSCoR’s Data to Decisions workshop, held in Fairbanks. The audience for this course was undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals.

Both courses were well received and state agencies have requested they be held again to fill the need for geospatial training courses in Alaska.
BENEFITS TO ALASKA

As a result of the activities and support of AlaskaView, communities across the State of Alaska have benefited through:

- Creating STEM learning activities within the not-for-profit Fairbanks Children’s Museum.
- Filling the need for geospatial training courses for students and professionals.
- Establishing partnerships across the state to promote USGS products for Alaska-specific research.

Historical aerial photos used for change detection on Alaska’s glaciers that were available and downloaded through the USGS EarthExplorer website, showcased during the ½-day courses.

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