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As the field of GIS continues to evolve, public access to spatial data is becoming more apparent. Institutions and government clearinghouses that provide this data have increased in number and in their efficiency in delivering this information. Although the technical requirements are often met, the human problems associated with the sharing of GIS data are not easily remedied. The formal and informal structures of the workplace often serve as obstacles to the success of enterprise systems. The examination of these structures and the use of ethnographic methods to reveal both positive and negative social relationships and power hierarchies among members within organizations is the focus of an article entitled *GIS and Human-centered Systems Design: Using Ethnographic Data Collection and Analysis Methods to Design a Utility Permitting Support System*. The paper written by Christopher Ellis at Texas A&M University, Cesar Quiroga and Robert Pina from the Texas Transportation Institute, and Sang-Young Shin with the Korea Land Corporation highlights this issue of the *URISA Journal*.