CER as a mapping tool

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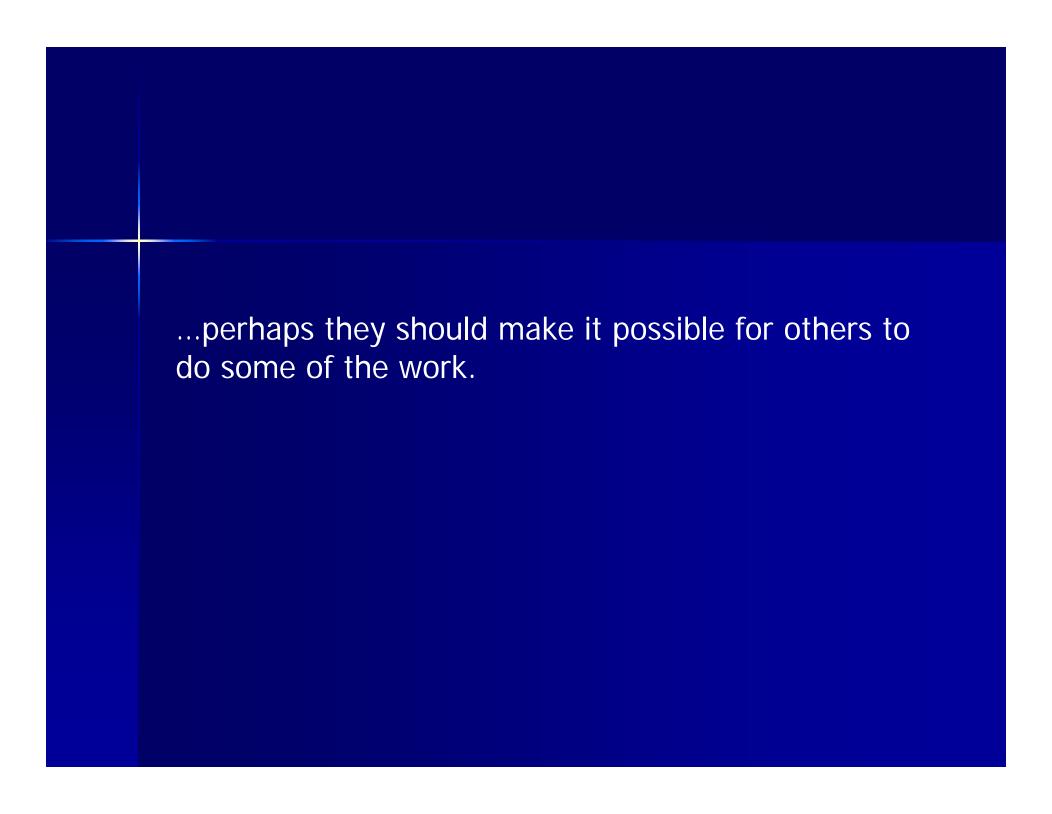
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Many groups are establishing priorities for CER:

This should tell us that we cannot answer all of the possible questions

If one agency or group cannot answer all of the questions...



Over history many explorers (some unintentionally) discovered new routes and new lands.

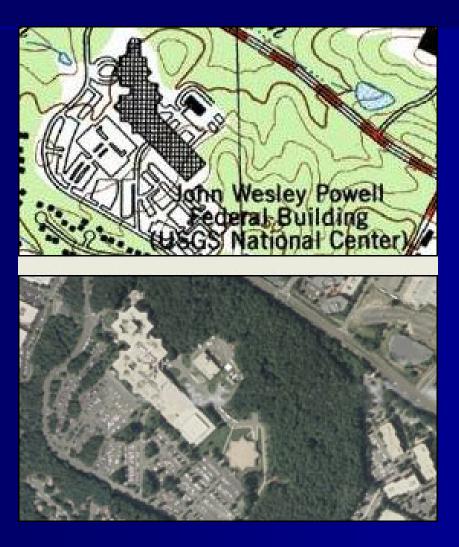
Without a clear reference point and the right navigational tools the maps came out looking like this:



Henry the Navigator sought to improve map making



The USGS now gets us to an exact point on the planet



Artificial joints

- Little comparative data exists
- Multiple joint types, materials, etc
- Most are bench tested during delivery
- We need to make the connection between that bench testing and patient outcomes
- Once we do that it will establish...

