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Since its founding in 1989, NICAR has trained thousands of working journalists in database analysis. The institute offers hands-on training seminars throughout the United States and internationally, provides inexpensive government databases to working journalists, and publishes books, instructional materials and a bimonthly newsletter called *Uplink*.

Uplink delivers articles written by top journalists working with the latest developments in the field. In January 2007, the print newsletter converted to an electronic publication, delivered as a downloadable PDF. The redesigned *Uplink* offers interactivity, searchable text, color graphics, links to Web resources and faster delivery to readers. To complement the e-newsletter and provide timely content to readers IRE and NICAR will continue to develop news updates and online extras.

Uplink features stories explaining how journalists successfully used data analysis for investigative projects, breaking news, and everyday beat coverage. It's a forum for discussing the latest ways to map data for news stories or how to deliver innovative data packages online. Other important topics include changes in government data-access policies, and the recent transition of government agencies to providing data online, rather than in print format.

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