3rd GIS Symposium Call for Oral and Poster Presentations

The 3rd GIS Symposium will be held Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at **The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center** in Auburn, Alabama. Two workshops will precede the symposium on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 at the Auburn University R.B. Draughon Library. The workshops will feature ESRI geodatabases and LIDAR data The ½ day workshop will provide an opportunity to improve participant's technical skills. The symposium (as well as the workshops) will provide an excellent forum for stimulating discussion regarding the many multi-disciplinary aspects of current and future geo-spatial data collection and analysis.

PROGRAM CONTENT

In light of the many geographies to which GIS refers to in its multitude of applications, we have seen the need to focus this year's GIS Symposium's theme to reflect such geographies. The theme for our 3rd GIS Symposium is "Managing our Geography".

The Geomatics Program of Troy University is partnering with Auburn University to host the 3rd GIS Symposium. The Hotel at Auburn University will be the symposium location providing a more central venue for our attendees.

We are continuing our initial intent of providing a foundation forum where the discussion of ideas, concepts, and applications is a welcome approach for GIS developments in the southeastern United States. We aspire to strive for perfection by way of providing high quality workshops, technical sessions, exhibitions, and poster presentations. We continue with our vision of having a symposium in a neutral forum. This includes workshops, presentations by keynote speakers on specific GIS issues, paper presentations, poster presentations, and for the GIS professionals and students to have an opportunity to

network. The GIS Symposium's organizing committee would like to invite you to be part of our annual event at Auburn University, Auburn, AL.

The call for abstracts is open to all professions who are using or contemplating the use of GIS. This includes professionals from all levels of government, consultants, academics and researchers, and aspiring GIS users. Topics may include, but not limited to the following GIS areas of interest:

Data sharing in GIS Bridging the GAP between surveyors and GIS specialists

Distributed and federated GIS implementations Remote sensing

GIS Applications

- Environmental & natural resource management
- Emergency management
- Transportation
- Urban & regional planning
- Criminology

PRESENTATIONS

Deadline for submitting informative, <u>one-page</u> abstracts for proposed conference presentations, posters, or both is Friday, August 18, 2006. Abstracts should include the name(s) of the author(s) and presenter(s), their organizational affiliation, the purpose of their paper, and general conclusions to be presented. Please indicate on your abstract whether you would be willing to present a poster in lieu of an oral presentation, should all such time slots be filled.

Mail (include an electronic version) or E-mail your abstracts to:

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No Faxed copies will be accepted!!

All oral presentations will be limited to 20-30 minutes. Please prepare your comments with this in mind.

Attention Students: First-, second-, and third-place cash prizes will be awarded for the best student oral and poster presentations.

All attendees, including moderators and speakers, must register for the symposium and pay all appropriate fees. Speakers DO NOT receive a complimentary registration.

You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements by calling The Hotel at Auburn University at 1-800-228-2876. Call by October 15, 2006, and mention that you are with the GIS Symposium to qualify for the group rate of \$87 (plus tax) per night, single or double occupancy.

For more information on the symposium and workshops, contact the Auburn University Environmental Institute at (334) 844-4132 or check the web at www.auei.auburn.edu/gis

Organizing Committee

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