



MINNESOTA GIS/LIS CONSORTIUM

Conference Announcement & Call for Presentations

Abstract submissions due May 21, 2010

Minnesota GIS/LIS
20th Annual
Conference and Workshops
October 13-15, 2010

Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center
Duluth, MN

*A conference for anyone interested in Geographic
Information Systems, Land Information Systems
or related technologies.*

**Consortium and conference information
is also available at www.mngislis.org**

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The Sessions Committee invites abstracts of presentations including individual and lightning round presentations, panel discussions, posters, and product demonstrations to be considered as part of the 20th Annual Conference of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 13-15, 2010 in Duluth, Minnesota. The objective of the conference is to provide GIS/LIS related informational and educational opportunities for anyone in business, government, or education interested in spatial analysis technologies.

All GIS-related abstracts will be considered. The Sessions Committee invites presentations that address broad subjects of interest in GIS/LIS, including those listed below:

- **Education**
K-12, secondary, technical, college and university
- **Emergency Management**
Assessment, planning, information sharing
- **Environmental**
Natural resources GIS
- **GIS applications**
General GIS applications not in another tract
- **Government**
Local, State, Country, Federal, and Tribal
- **Imagery**
Acquisition and use of imagery
- **Mobile GIS**
Use and implementation of mobile GIS
- **Open Source**
Any use of application of open source software in GIS
- **Standards**
Development, integration, metadata
- **Utilities**
Electric and gas, pipeline, telecommunications, water/wastewater
- **Web services/applications**
Data acquisition and distribution, services, applications

SESSION PRESENTATIONS

The Sessions Committee will select presentations to represent levels of expertise and a broad topic base. Selection will be based on the value of the proposed topic to the audience and the quality and clarity of the abstract.

***New presentation type for 2010:** Lightning Round – a quick, 12-minute presentation! Lightning round presentations can be used as an introduction to conference speaking, a chance to present work in-progress, or give a brief overview of a topic. The audience should be left with a key point to remember.*

Presentation types:

- Lightning round, allotted 12 minutes (**New format for 2010**)
- Individual presentation, allotted 25 minutes
- Panel discussion, allotted 60-90 minutes
- Poster, display area four feet high by eight feet wide (both project-specific and cartographic exhibits are welcome)
- Product Demonstrations,* allotted 25 minutes

Additionally, presentation level will be indicated for each abstract: overview (general topic presentation) or technical (details of specific analysis)

Abstract submission:

- Abstracts should not exceed 300 words
- Incomplete abstracts will not be accepted
- Abstract submission is online only

To submit an abstract for an individual presentation, panel discussion, poster, product demonstration, or lightning round, visit the Consortium website and follow the instructions provided: www.mngislis.org

***Product Demonstrations**

Presentations by conference exhibitors that market specific products or services may be accepted as product demonstrations. For more information about being a conference exhibitor, please go to www.mngislis.org.

The submission deadline for all presentation types is **May 21, 2010**. Abstract submissions are the foundation of the conference, so your early submission is appreciated.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The 20th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium will be held Oct. 13–15, 2010, at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) in Duluth, MN.

Workshops will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13, with the conference following on Thursday and Friday. Highlights of the three-day event include:

Workshops

A combination of half-day and full-day workshops will be offered on Wednesday. Workshop participants can select from a variety of topics, ranging from general introductory issues to specialized technical challenges.

20th Anniversary Conference

The conference kicks off on Thursday, October 14 with a keynote featuring Paul Ramsey, a geospatial consultant with OpenGeo, an expert in open source software, and a founder of the PostGIS open source spatial database project. Special activities throughout the conference will celebrate the 20th anniversary of MnGIS/LIS! We will gain inspiration for the next 20 years of Minnesota GIS from our lunch speaker, James Brew. An architect and planner from Rocky Mountain Institute, Brew specializes in sustainability through whole-system thinking/design, regenerative solutions, and creating community solutions.

Exhibit Hall

The vendor exhibit hall will showcase the latest GIS-related hardware and software, GIS products and services. The exhibit hall will be open Thursday and Friday.

Exhibitors' Reception

Conference registration includes admission to the Exhibitors' Reception on Thursday evening. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available. The reception will be held in the exhibit hall, providing another opportunity to visit conference exhibitors.

Registration information and workshop descriptions will be mailed in July. Conference registration includes lunches, evening receptions and all refreshment breaks.

Entertainment

The Wednesday night welcome reception will be held at the Great Lakes Aquarium. Families are welcome. Don't miss this Duluth highlight! Join us Thursday evening for a Fun Run on Duluth's Lakewalk and Bird-of-a-Feather roundtable discussions.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration fees will be as follows:

Half-day Workshops

\$110 if payment received before August 31

\$140 if payment received after August 31

Full-day Workshops

\$190 if payment received before August 31

\$220 if payment received after August 31

Conference

\$235 if payment received before August 31

\$265 if payment received after August 31

Student Rate (includes all presentations and lunches)

\$65

Session and Poster Presenter Rate

\$190 if payment received before August 31

\$265 if payment received after August 31

Presenter Rate

Session and poster presenters will receive a 20 percent discount from the full conference rate if payment is received by August 31. A maximum of one discount is available for each individual presentation. If more than one person will be presenting in a session, it is the responsibility of the session presenters to coordinate who will apply for the discount. *No discounts are available for product demonstrations.*

Exhibitor Registration

Information regarding exhibit space will be mailed to prospective vendors in April. To be added to the prospective vendor list, please send your contact information to the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium office at 1000 Westgate Dr., Ste. 252, St. Paul, MN 55114. You can also contact Scott Franzmeier at 651-290-6278 or scottf@ewald.com.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

For all hotels, please request the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium Room Rate.

Conference Headquarters Hotel:

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

200 West First Street

Duluth, MN 55802

Reservations: 218-722-1202

Rates: \$89 per night, single/double

Cut off date: September 17, 2010

Radisson Duluth/Harborview Hotel

505 West Superior Street

Duluth, MN 55802

Reservations: 218-727-8981

Rates: \$89 per night, single/double

Cut off date: September 17, 2010

The Inn on Lake Superior

350 Canal Park Drive

Duluth, MN 55802

Reservations: 218-726-1111

Rates: \$105 per night, single/double

Cut off date: September 17, 2010

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