



Minnesota GIS/LIS  
Consortium  
13th Annual  
Conference Announcement  
& Call for Presentations

*Abstract submissions due: May 23, 2003*

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**Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference  
and Workshops  
October 8-10, 2003  
Touchstone Energy Place • St. Paul**

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

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Consortium and conference information is  
also available at: [www.mngislis.org](http://www.mngislis.org)

## Call for Presentations

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This is a call for abstracts of presentations, panel discussions, posters or project demonstrations to be considered as part of the 13th Annual Conference of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 8-10, 2003 in St. Paul.

Presentations are invited that address the broad subjects of interest to GIS and LIS practitioners. Topics of interest for the program include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ **BUSINESS GEOGRAPHICS**  
Location Analysis, Risk Management, Marketing and Real Estate
- ◆ **DATA ACQUISITIONS AND CONVERSION**  
Data Collection Technologies, Data Conversion, Data Distribution, Purchasing Digital Data
- ◆ **GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS**
- ◆ **INTERNET**  
Internet-based GIS Applications, Internet-based Data Acquisition and Distribution
- ◆ **LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT**  
Criminal Justice, Demographics, Emergency Response, Housing, Parcel Mapping, Public Works, Social Services
- ◆ **NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**  
Natural Resources Management, Land Use, Soils, Water Resources
- ◆ **STANDARDS**  
Data Sharing and Transfer, Metadata
- ◆ **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**  
Students using GIS-related technologies are invited to present their work.
- ◆ **TECHNOLOGY**  
GIS Management Strategies, GIS Software, Remote Sensing, Emerging Trends
- ◆ **TRANSPORTATION**
- ◆ **UTILITIES AND AUTOMATED MAPPING**

## Session Presentations

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Four types of presentations are available:

- Individual presentation, allotted 25 minutes
- Panel discussion, allotted 60-90 minutes
- Poster, display area four feet high by eight feet wide
- Project demonstration, computer demonstrations of a GIS project or application, allotted 25-90 minutes

**Abstracts should be 150-300 words, and must include: presentation title, type of presentation requested, and author information including complete contact information.**

To submit an abstract for a presentation, panel discussion, poster or project demonstration, visit the Consortium web site and follow the instructions provided.

<http://www.mngis.org/conf2003/call2003/form.htm>

You can also send your abstract directly to Susan Church at [susanc@ewald.com](mailto:susanc@ewald.com).

The program committee will select session presentations to represent a wide range of interests and levels of expertise. Selection will be based on the value of the proposed topic to the audience and the clarity of the abstract. Everyone submitting an abstract will be contacted by the conference committee.

## Product Demonstrations

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Presentations by conference exhibitors that market specific products or services may be accepted as product demonstrations. Information regarding product demonstrations and exhibit hall space will be mailed to prospective vendors in May. To be added to the prospective vendor list, or to submit an abstract for a product demonstration, please contact Susan Church at 651-290-7493 or [susanc@ewald.com](mailto:susanc@ewald.com).

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## Conference Information

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The 13th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium will be held October 8-10, 2003 at the Touchstone Energy Place at River Centre in downtown St. Paul. Workshops will be held Wednesday, October 8, 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 wide variety of topics, ranging from general introductory issues to specialized technical challenges.

### Welcome Reception

Conference attendees are invited to the Wednesday evening Welcome Reception, complete with refreshments, cash bar, and entertainment.

### Conference Format

The conference will begin with a plenary session Thursday morning, followed by concurrent sessions and an awards lunch. Thursday afternoon will bring more concurrent sessions, followed by the poster session and exhibitors' reception. Friday morning begins with concurrent sessions, and includes a closing plenary speaker at lunch.

### Printed Proceedings

Copies of the printed proceedings, including session abstracts, will be distributed to conference registrants. Abstracts will also be published on the Consortium's web site after the conference.

### 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.

## Conference Registration

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Registration information and workshop descriptions will be mailed in August. Conference registration includes lunches, evening receptions and all refreshment breaks. Registration fees will be as follows:

Half-day workshops – \$105

Full-day workshops – \$170

Conference (payment received before September 19) – \$210

Conference (payment received after September 19) – \$225

Student (payment received before September 19) – \$40

Student (payment received after September 19) – \$50

### Presenter Rate

Presenters will receive a 30 percent discount from the conference rates if payment is received by September 19. A maximum of two discounts are available for each individual presentation, poster display and project demonstration submitted. One discount will be given per person. No discounts will be given for product demonstrations.

### Exhibit Registration

Information regarding exhibit space and product demonstrations will be mailed to prospective vendors in May. To be added to the prospective vendor list, please send your contact information to the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium office at 26 East Exchange Street, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101. You can also contact Susan Church at 651-290-7493 or [susanc@ewald.com](mailto:susanc@ewald.com).

### Lodging Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the the Radisson Riverfront (11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, 651-605-6958) for \$105/single or double. Rooms have also been reserved at Holiday Inn (175 West 7th Street, St. Paul, 651-225-1515) for \$98/single and \$110/double. The rooms are available from October 7-10. The Conference and Workshops registration brochure will contain information and prices for area parking lots and other transit options.

## **The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium**

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The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is a forum for communicating information to, and improving cooperation among, those interested in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Land Information Systems (LIS) in the state of Minnesota. Members include GIS users in local, state and federal government agencies, business and industry and educational institutions. Membership is free.

The Consortium hosts annual statewide conferences and establishes committees that deal with specific GIS/LIS-related issues in Minnesota. Opportunities to participate in Consortium activities are available through volunteer work with committees, conferences and workshops. For more information on current Consortium activities and volunteer opportunities, visit our web site, [www.mngislis.org](http://www.mngislis.org), or stop by our booth during the conference.

### **For More Information**

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Please contact:

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## **Call for Workshop Proposals**

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Each year the conference offers a selection of half-day and full-day workshops. The Consortium is always seeking to improve our conference, and we appreciate your input.

If you are interested in attending a specific workshop, we would like to hear from you. Please include a short description of the workshop you would like to see, and the names of suggested instructors, if any. If this is a workshop from a previous fall conference or spring workshop offering, please include that information. Also indicate whether you feel this should be half or full-day, and whether it should be hands-on or lecture style.

If you are interested in teaching a workshop, we would like to hear from you. Please include your name and contact information, your organization, and a short description of the workshop you would like to lead. Please indicate if this should be half or full-day, and whether it should be hands-on or lecture style. If this is a hands-on workshop, please indicate the software required, and let us know if you are able to provide the software for the workshop.

The Workshop Committee will review all suggestions and select the palette of workshops based on the needs of the members and availability of the instructor.

Submit your suggestions to:

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**Workshop suggestions due:**

**May 2, 2003**