Conference Information

The 14th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium will be held October 4-6, 2004 at the Civic Center in St. Cloud, MN. Workshops will be held Monday, October 4, with the Conference following on Tuesday and Wednesday. Highlights of the three-day event include:

Workshops

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

Conference Format

The conference will begin with a plenary session Tuesday morning, followed by concurrent sessions and an awards lunch. Tuesday afternoon will bring more concurrent sessions, followed by the poster session and exhibitors' reception. Wednesday 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 website 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 Tuesday and Wednesday.

Exhibitors' Reception

Conference registration includes admission to the Exhibitors' Reception on Tuesday 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

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

payment received before Sept. 10	$105
payment received after Sept. 10	$130

Full-day workshops

payment received before Sept. 10	$170
payment received after Sept. 10	$195

Conference

payment received before Sept. 10	$225
payment received after Sept. 10	$250

Student

payment received before Sept. 10	$100
payment received after Sept. 10	$135

Presenter

payment received before Sept. 10	$180

Presenter Rate

Presenters will receive a 20 percent discount from the conference rates if payment is received by September 10. A maximum of one discount is available for each individual presentation submitted. No discounts will be given for poster displays or product demonstrations.

Exhibitor 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.

Lodging Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Kelly Inn (100 4th Avenue S, St Cloud, 320-253-0606) for $74/single or $80/double. Rooms have also been reserved at the Radisson Suite Hotel St Cloud (404 St. Germain West, St Cloud, 320-654-1661) at $89/single or double. The rooms are available at these rates until September 3, 2004. The Conference and Workshops registration brochure will contain additional information and prices for area lodging, parking lots and other transit options.

The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium

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.mngis-lis.org, or stop by our booth during the conference.

For More Information

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Call for Workshop Proposals

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:
April 19, 2004

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**Minnesota GIS/LIS
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14th Annual
Conference Announcement
& Call for Presentations**

Abstract submissions due: May 18, 2004

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also available at: www.mngislis.org

Call for Presentations

This is a call for abstracts of presentations, panel discussions, posters and product demonstrations to be considered as part of the 14th Annual Conference of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 4-6, 2004 in St. Cloud.

Presentations are invited that address the broad subjects of interest in GIS and LIS. Topics for presentations should conform to one of the following preliminary tracks or areas of interest:

❑ **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 in this special track.
❑ **TECHNOLOGY**
GIS Management Strategies, GIS Software, Remote Sensing, Emerging Trends
❑ **TRANSPORTATION**
❑ **UTILITIES AND AUTOMATED MAPPING**

Session Presentations

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
❍ Product Demonstration*, allotted 25 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 product demonstration, visit the Consortium website and follow the instructions provided.
www.mngislis.org/conf2004/call2004/form.htm

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. **Please include full and complete contact information.**

*Product Demonstrations
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