

Conference Information

The 15th Annual Conference and Workshops of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium will be held October 3-5, 2005 at the Civic Center in St. Cloud, MN. Workshops will be held Monday, October 3, 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	\$60
payment received after Sept. 10	\$70
Newcomer	
payment received before Sept. 10	\$150
payment received after Sept. 10	\$200
Presenter	
payment received before Sept. 10	\$180

Newcomer Rate

In honor of the 15th anniversary of the Mn GIS/LIS conference and to make the conference as accessible as possible, this special one-time opportunity is being offered for individuals who have not previously attended the conference or who have not attended since at least 2001.

Presenter Rate

Presenters will receive a 20 percent discount from the full 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 1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 252, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Lodging Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Kelly Inn (100 4th Avenue South, 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, 2005. 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.mngislis.org, or stop by our booth during the conference.

For More Information

Please contact: Sally Wakefield
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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:

May 20, 2005

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Conference Announcement & Call for Presentations

Abstract submissions due: May 20, 2005

Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference
and Workshops
October 3-5, 2005
Civic Center • St. Cloud, 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



Annual Conference

Call for Presentations

This is a call for abstracts of presentations, panel discussions, posters and product demonstrations to be considered as part of the 15th Annual Conference of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 3-5, 2005 in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Presentations are invited that address the broad subjects of interest in GIS and LIS. Suggested topics for presentations are listed below. All GIS related presentations will be considered

- ☐ **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**
Students using GIS-related technologies are invited to present their work.
- ☐ **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**
As the primary component of the presentation
- ☐ **INTERNET/WWW**
Internet-based 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
- ☐ **TECHNOLOGY**
GIS Management Strategies, GIS Software, Remote Sensing, Emerging Trends
- ☐ **TRANSPORTATION**
- ☐ **UTILITIES AND AUTOMATED MAPPING**

The objective of the conference is to provide GIS-related informational and educational opportunities for anyone in business, government, or education interested in geo-

Session Presentations

The Sessions Committee will select 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 Sessions Committee.

Five types of presentations will be considered:

- Student presentation, allotted 25 minutes
- Individual presentation, allotted 25 minutes
- Panel discussion, allotted 60-90 minutes
- Poster, display area four feet high by eight feet wide
- Product Demonstrations, allotted 25 minutes*

Abstracts must be limited to no more than 300 words, and must include: presentation title, type of presentation requested, and author information including complete contact information. Incomplete abstracts will not be accepted. Remember, a clear, concise abstract is your best ticket to a logical track placement and a well-attended session.

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/conf2005/call2005/form.htm

*Product Demonstrations

Presentations by conference exhibitors that market specific products or services may be accepted as product demonstrations. Information regarding 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.

**The submission deadline for all
presentation types is May 20, 2005**

*Member contributions make the conference strong.
Your early submission is appreciated.*