

## Call for Presentations

The Sessions Committee invites abstracts of presentations, panel discussions, posters, and product demonstrations to be considered as part of the 21st Annual Conference of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, October 5-7, 2011 in Saint Cloud, 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 presentations 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 or 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

## Lodging Accommodations

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

### Conference Headquarters Hotel:

#### Best Western Kelly Inn

100 4th Avenue South  
Saint Cloud, MN 56301  
Reservations: 320-253-0606  
Rates: \$88 queen room, \$95 king or double room  
Cut off date: Sept. 3, 2011.

#### Le St-Germain Suite Hotel

404 West Germain Street  
Saint Cloud, MN 56301  
Reservations: 320-654-1661  
Rates: \$109 single suite, \$119 master double suite  
Cut off date: Sept. 3, 2011.

For More Information:

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# Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium

## Conference Announcement & Call for Presentations

*Abstract submissions due May 13, 2011*

### Minnesota GIS/LIS 21st Annual Conference and Workshops

**October 5-7, 2011**

River's Edge Convention Center  
Saint 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](http://www.mngislis.org)**

## 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. **Back for the 2011 Conference:** Lightning Round – a quick, 12-minute presentation! The perfect intro to conference speaking, present work in progress, or give a brief overview, leaving the audience with a key point to remember.

### Presentation types :

- Lightning round, allotted 12 minutes
- 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 chosen 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 a presentation, panel discussion, poster or product demonstration, visit the Consortium website and follow the instructions provided: [www.mngisllis.org](http://www.mngisllis.org)

### \*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 April. To be added to the prospective vendor list or to submit an abstract for a product demonstration please contact Scott Franzmeier at 651-290-6278 or [scottf@ewald.com](mailto:scottf@ewald.com). [www.mngisllis.org](http://www.mngisllis.org)

The submission deadline for all presentation types is **May 13, 2011**.

Abstract submissions are the foundation of the conference, so your early submission is appreciated.

## Conference Information

The 21st Annual Conference and Workshops of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium will be held Oct. 5-7, 2011, at the River's Edge Convention Center in Saint Cloud, MN.

Workshops will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5, 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.

### 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.

## Conference Registration

Registration fees will be as follows:

### Half-day Workshops

\$110 if payment received before September 16

\$140 if payment received after September 16

### Full-day Workshops

\$190 if payment received before September 16

\$220 if payment received after September 16

### Conference

\$235 if payment received before September 16

\$265 if payment received after September 16

### Student Rate (includes all presentations and lunches)

\$65

### Session and Poster Presenter Rate

\$190 if payment received before September 16

\$265 if payment received after September 16

### Presenter Rate

Session and poster presenters will receive a 20 percent discount from the full conference rate if payment is received by September 16. 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

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