

GIS Technology Possibilities Forum

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MetroGIS is co-sponsoring an exciting, day-long forum on Thursday, June 1, 2006, entitled *Imagining Possibilities: The Next Frontier For Geographic Information*. The forum will be held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Center on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus.

Mark your calendars and register as soon as possible, as space is limited and expected to reach capacity before the forum.

Want to have a glimpse of the future for GIS? Four nationally and internationally known individuals have agreed to share their visions for probable new capabilities within the next five years.

- Mark Reichardt: President of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)
- Mike Liebhold, Senior Researcher at the Institute for the Future
- Clint Brown: Director of Software Products for ESRI
- Ian Masser, Past President of EUROGI and GSDI

Three one-hour question-and-answer sessions, led by the keynote speakers, are also planned to provide attendees an opportunity to delve into the big ideas/possibilities presented in the keynote addresses. A program overview and short bio on each of the keynote speakers are provided in the forum brochure that can be viewed at www.metrogis.org/specialevents/techpossibilities/techbrochure.pdf.

The fee is \$65 to attend for the entire day and \$40 to attend only the morning session. The morning session is designed to be of interest to policy makers and senior management in addition to those responsible for using and managing geospatial technology. Attendance is limited to 250 individuals. Registration is also on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to guarantee a seat. To register go to: www.regonline.com/94145.

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