



2005 WA GIS Conference

May 9-11, 2005

Embassy Suites, Tukwila, WA

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The Washington GIS conference is about more than just listening to your peers give presentations. It's about sharing your work with colleagues from all over the State and participating as a professional in a great organization. Since the cost of your membership is included in your registration, becoming a member has never been easier. As a member you can apply participation credits toward your GIS certification. Whether you're interested in delivering a paper, competing in the poster contest, or hosting a discussion panel, it all supports your personal professional development.

The theme of this year's conference is "Building Communities." Our Keynote Speaker this year is Juli Wilkerson, Director of Community Trade and Economic Development for the State of Washington. Julie has been at the forefront of GIS for many years, overseeing the development of GIS as a key business tool while at Tacoma, which helped spur the economic rebirth of the City. As the Director of CTED, Juli's leadership in the use of technology to influence community and economic recovery was highlighted at the Governors' Conference in 2004. Juli will tell us about Washington State's strategic plan for economic development and how we as GIS professionals can help in "Building Communities."

Conference Activities

Pre-conference workshops provide an excellent opportunity to learn from the experts. These half-day workshops, presented by vendors from all over the region, will cover a wide range of topics and disciplines.

For those of you looking for a little relaxation join us aboard the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. You can network with friends and colleagues while enjoying an evening of food, fun, and laughter. We encourage you to invite friends and family to join us. Ticket information will be available online at the registration page.

Presentation Topics

The following is a list of session topics for the 2005 Conference. Abstracts can also be submitted on other topics and may be accepted if they fit well with the agenda of the conference.

- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Project Management
- Addressing
- GIS and Survey
- Small City GIS
- Health & Human Services
- Utilities
- Web Solutions
- Tsunami relief
- State Government

Please limit to 300 words or less, and submit abstract in digital form to: WA URISA, Attention: Steve Schunzel at sschunzel@co.kitsap.wa.us. If you have questions or are unable to submit materials in digital form, please let Steve know.

Abstract submissions are due on or before April 8th, 2005.

Poster Contest

Last year we had over 35 entries in our poster contest and awarded 6 different members with prizes. This year we'd like to make judging this competition even more exciting with twice as many posters and prizes to give away. Please Contact Amanda Taub at ataub@co.douglas.wa.us with questions on dimensions, scales, themes, and other contest details.

Conference Contacts

General Information
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