

2007 Washington GIS Conference

Latest Conference Information

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Dear Washington State GIS Colleagues:

Final preparations are nearing completion for the 2007 Washington State GIS Conference, "Foundations for the Future," to be held April 23-25, 2007 at the new Lynnwood Convention Center.

Why should you attend? Educational workshops, a motivational keynote speaker, a wide range of educational sessions, vendors, a map & poster contest, good food, good fun, and a chance to meet with your colleagues!

[Register Today!](#)



April 23-25, 2007

Lynnwood Convention Center

Map & Poster Contest Still Accepting Entries:

The poster and map competition will display some of the great work being accomplished around the State with GIS. Fabulous prizes will be available for the winners!

It's still not too late to enter your outstanding work – see: [Map Contest](#)

Monday Pre-Conference Workshops (Four Half-Day Workshops – Attend Two of Your Choice)

- **GIS for Analysts Boot Camp (presented by the King County GIS Center):** The theme of the 2007 Washington GIS Conference is Foundations for the Future. This workshop from the King County GIS Center is designed to strengthen the educational foundation of GIS users. KCGIS Custom Training has been designed to complement the academic education and GIS software training that most GIS professionals and users begin with. The KCGIS experience has been that custom designed modular training is an effective means to enhance the productivity of GIS users, analysts, and data maintainers. The GIS for Analysts Boot Camp will be a sampling from the King County GIS Training Express Program. Specific topics to be covered include:
 - Hot Tips for ArcGIS, SQL, and Metadata
 - Data Editing in ArcGIS
 - Geoprocessing for Analysts

The GIS for Analysts Boot Camp will include live, easy-to-follow demonstrations. Instructors are seasoned King County GIS professionals who are expert in applying these techniques and tools. What you learn can help you to accomplish more complex data analysis and to enhance your productivity in completing GIS-based analysis. The GIS for Analysts Boot Camp will benefit you and the agency you work for by expanding your GIS related skills and abilities for a strengthened foundation for your future.

- **Can CAD and GIS Co-Exist? (Presented by CH2M Hill):** Everyone dreams of the day that their GIS and CAD systems will seamlessly work together, where GIS analysts have the latest version of a roadway design and engineers have a live connection to tax parcels and ownership information. This workshop will cover the need for CAD/GIS integration and give an overview of the different products and solutions software vendors like ESRI, Autodesk and Bentley have in the marketplace. In addition to the different products available to organizations there is also a need to know how these solutions best fit into your organization. Do you really need a fully integrated solution or would a strong ETL (extract, translate, load) process work for you? There are varying levels of integration and each will be discussed regarding their benefits and limitations.
- **ArcGIS Server: Author-Serve-Use (Presented by ESRI):** ArcGIS Server 9.2 is a complete and integrated server-based GIS. It is now easier to implement and administer and includes out-of-the-box tools for spatial data management, visualization (2D and 3D mapping), and spatial analysis. This seminar will show you how to author, serve and use ArcGIS Server services for mapping and geoprocessing in a number of different clients.
- **Engineering GIS: Leveraging Your CAD Resources (Presented by the PPI Group):** CAD and GIS systems can work seamlessly with each other in a manner that allows you to utilize the strength of each system. This workshop focuses on the Autodesk Geospatial product line and value chain in order to expose opportunities for you to leverage your existing CAD resources into your GIS initiatives. Autodesk has assembled a geospatial product line that allows organizations to gain maximum return on their investments in CAD resources in both software and staffing. This workshop will cover the workflow components that are available today within AutoCAD Map3D, MapGuide Enterprise, and Topobase that allow for Engineering GIS systems to be built and shared across and outside of organizations. Highlights of the workflow are the ability to utilize all of your design and engineering resources while quickly and efficiently sharing your data with technical and non-technical users. Product line functionality will be shown as a standalone system or in an implementation that integrates with ESRI software.

Tuesday Keynote Address:

King County Executive Ron Sims



Ron Sims has been a long time proponent of the use of GIS technology and as led King County to innovations in GIS technology use and business deployment. His keynote address is sure to be highly inspirational.

Tuesday & Wednesday Educational Speaker Sessions

Funding Enterprise GIS Panel Session:

- Moderator: Greg Babinski
- Bob Pool, Clark County
- George Horning, King County
- Linda Gerull, Pierce County
- Don Burdick, City of Bellingham
- Melissa Faga, City of Redmond
- Grant Timentwa, Muckleshoot Tribe

Utilities:

- From Streets to Pipes, Edward Speer, CDM
- "Science Information Management System - Acquisition, Analysis and Integration of Environmental Science Information at SPU" by Duncan Munro
- "10 Years of Wireless Lessons Learned" by Tred Teo & Kurt Myking

Data Integration:

- Building an Online Tool for Spatial Joins, by Karsten Vennemann, TerraGIS
- "To Match or not to Match? Conflation-Based Data Integration" by Samuel Smith - Refrations Research
- "CAD is our GIS and SAP is our ERP" by Kurt Myking & Fred Teo, City of Tacoma

Learn From the Managers:

- "Planning for Integration" by Don Burdick, City of Bellingham
- Migrating from Mainframe GIS to ArcGIS SDE" by Jean Postlewaite, Chelan County
- "To be Announced" Dylan Thomas, Woolpert

Tribal & Federal GIS:

- 2010 Census LUCA Program, Michaellynn Garcia, USCB
- Tribal Government Sewer Comp Plans to Housing/Community Planning, Carolito Tolentino
- To be announced

Turning GIS Straw in Cartographic Gold:

- Patrick Jankanish, King County GIS Center
- Chris Behee, City of Bellingham
- To be announced

Emerging Mapping Technologies:

- "Bringing Innovation to Information Systems" by Tom McGovern, Immersive Media, Inc
- "Hyperspectral Imaging to Assess Wildfire Hazard" Dave Brown, EHS International
- "LiDAR Data for Rural GIS", Josh Greenberg, Skagit County

GIS & Survey Panel Discussion:

- Moderator: Karen Zollman, SPU
- Robert Pusey, PLS, Pacific Geomatics
- Others TBD

Public Safety:

- John Hansen, Former Oklahoma City Fire Chief
- Michael Payne, Pierce County
- Abhijai Sood, Infosys Technologies Ltd.

GIS Management:

- "Real World, Real Easy, GIS Project Management" by LeighAnn Wolfe, Xuejin Ruan, and Linda Gerull, Pierce County
- "How do you do? - Performance Measures for Enterprise GIS" by Greg Babinski, King County
- To be announced

Vendor Track:

- "Best Practices: Tracking Incoming GIS Data Through Permitting Workflow" by Accela
- ESRI - ArcGIS Image Server
- Pacific Alliance Technology - Chris Webber

Student Paper Competition:

- Four students will compete for the new Dick Thomas Student Presentation Award

Potpuri:

- City of Mercer Island Storm Drain Data Map Conversion" by Leah Demetillo, City of Mercer island
- "GIS & Real Estate Portfolio Management in King County" by Lisa Castle, KCGIS Center

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- **ESRI**
- **Latitude Geographic**
- **LizardTech**
- **PPI Group**

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- Geoline
- King County GIS Center
- MetroGeospatial
- Pacific Alliance Technologies
- Woolpert

Mount Olympus Sponsor:

- CH2M Hill

Vendors will be on hand to demonstrate their products and answer any questions about services they offer. In addition to vendor booths, there will be a special vendor track on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Food: Your registration includes lunch each day.



Fun: Tuesday Night Social: Join your colleagues for a night of bowling fun at Majestic Brunswick Lanes in Lynnwood. With your ticket you'll get your bowling ball, shoe rental, and lots of fun food. This evening will be a great chance to socialize with your peers in a relaxed environment. You and up to 4 guests are invited to attend - and it's a steal at only \$25/ticket.

To register for the 2007 Washington GIS Conference:

Use the mail-in registration form or register online at: www.waurisa.org/conferences/index.html

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We hope to see you in Lynnwood in April!