



The 2008 Washington State GIS Conference, *"Integrating GIS Into the Enterprise"* will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 5-7 in the Northwest Rooms at Seattle Center. WAURISA - the Washington State Chapter of the Urban & Regional Information Systems Association – is finalizing a program that includes a day of educational workshops, access to leading GIS vendors, and two days of informative speakers from all corners of the State. The Conference is designed to help you learn from your colleagues, network with your peers, and build a solid GIS foundation for your career, your company, or your agency.

The event begins on Monday with two concurrent daylong URISA-certified Workshops to choose from. The 2008 workshops we are presenting are "GIS Program Management" and "Open Source GIS." The Workshops offer in-depth training from leading GIS practitioners brought in from across the country. They have become a successful part of the annual Washington GIS Conference.

On Tuesday, the conference kicks into full swing with a keynote address by URISA President Susan Johnson. Susan Johnson began her term as president of URISA in August 2007. She is a nationally recognized leader and highly motivational speaker who will share her vision for the future of GIS in the enterprise.

Following the keynote, the 'GIS Person of the Year' will be announced and speaker sessions will begin. We are planning to have speakers on Tuesday and Wednesday covering a variety of topics including:

- GIS Management
- Utilities & Transportation
- Web Solutions
- Application Development
- Training
- Imagery & Remote Sensing
- 3D Visualization
- Data Conversion & Standards
- Open Source GIS
- Small Government GIS
- CAD/GIS Integration
- Mobile GIS
- Natural Resources
- Tribal Government GIS
- Business Applications
- Enterprise GIS Integration

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will also have the annual poster and map competition to showcase some of the great work being accomplished around the State. Vendors will be on hand to demonstrate their products and answer any questions about services and products that they offer. Your registration also includes lunch and refreshments each day.

Keynote Speaker: Susan Johnson



Susan Johnson began her public service career as the first Information Services Director for the city of Raleigh, NC. She currently serves as the CIO for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District in Charlotte, NC, where she is responsible for enterprise information technology and communications.

Susan was elected URISA President in 2007.

Earn GISCI Points!

Attend the **2008 Washington GIS Conference** and earn GISCI education points for your GISP application or future renewal!



The GIS Certification Institute will award 0.2 GISCI education points for attending the Monday workshops and 0.1 points for each day you attend the educational sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday (subject to verification).

For more information about GIS Certification, see: <http://www.gisci.org/>

Social Events: New this year will be a Monday evening social in the vendor hall following the workshops. This will be an opportunity to meet and mingle. On Tuesday after the Conference sessions we'll be going to Safeco Field to see the Seattle Mariners play the Texas Rangers—your conference registration includes one free ticket! You won't want to miss this fun-filled evening.

Be a presenter at the 2008 Conference. Papers are being solicited for a variety of technical, project, management, and student tracks. Abstracts can be submitted to: abstracts@WAURISA.org

For more information check the WAURISA Web Site: <http://www.waurisa.org/>

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