



2008 Washington GIS Conference

May 5 - 7, 2008 • Seattle, Washington

Presentation Guidelines

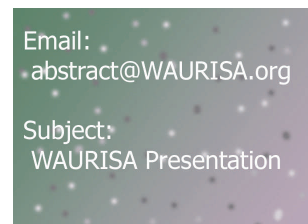
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Presentations may address any GIS topic of broad interest to the audience. Possible topics are not limited to the sample tracks listed in the [Call for Papers](#). A presentation should not be used to market a commercial product. Commercial presentations may be given by reserving a [vendor booth](#).

A presentation should describe a project, process, experience, expertise, management, or best practices related to GIS. Specific tracks will be assigned after the abstract proposals have been received. The subjects will be generally divided into management or technical categories. There will be a track for presentations that relate to the conference theme, **Integrating GIS into the Enterprise**.

What is the Enterprise? As essential as the starship Enterprise was to the fictional Star Trek crew, our GIS missions carry us to destinations to meet our business challenges. Our challenges may not come from aliens, but they can be difficult to deal with – out-of-control traffic, conflicting land use issues, shrinking budgets, new technology, citizen expectations – the list goes on. Enterprise systems may come in the form of a stand-alone GIS solution, a loosely linked application, or a “Borg-like” insertion of GIS technology that is indistinguishable from the interface as a whole. However tightly GIS is integrated into the Enterprise, it has become a necessary component for our critical missions.

To submit an abstract, please include the following information in your email to the address on the left:



Name:
Job Title:
Agency:
Department:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Type of Presentation:

Student Presentation, 15 minutes. Enter the [Dick Thomas Competition](#).
Individual Presentation, allotted 25 minutes
Panel Discussion, allotted up to 90 minutes (specify amount of time needed)
(For posters, please refer to the [poster registration](#) link.)

Presentation will appeal to: New, Intermediate, or Advanced GIS Users (indicate group or groups)

Presentation Title:

Abstract: No more than 300 words, a clear concise description of the presentation to be used in the conference program. A quality abstract results in correct track placement and a well-attended session.

Deadlines:

Abstract:

March 26, 2008

Speaker Conference

Registration:

April 11, 2008

Selection criteria will be based on the value of the proposed topic to the audience and the clarity of the abstract. Individuals chosen to present will gain recognition by their peers, raise awareness of critical issues and identify current trends in the industry. The presentations committee will select session presentations to represent a wide range of interests and levels of expertise.

Note: All accepted presenters must register and pay the regular Tuesday-Wednesday [conference registration](#) fee. Acceptance as a presenter does not register you for the conference. Presenters must register by April 11, 2008.

Presenters at the 2008 Washington GIS Conference will earn 1 GISCI Contribution Point for Conference Presentation or Conference Poster Display in addition to points earned for attending the conference and being a member of WAURISA. If your paper is chosen for presentation you may attend a full-day Monday workshop for only \$10 in addition to your conference registration.

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There are a few things you can do to make your presentation as professional as possible. When using a PowerPoint, limit the number of bullets to 6 or fewer, and keep the number of words to a minimum. Use large fonts that can be seen from the back of the audience.

Rather than reading verbatim from the screen, expound from an outline. Illustrations and maps spice up a presentation, but do not go overboard on animation and sound effects. At the beginning of your presentation, state what your talk will cover, and at the end do a review of what was covered. Allow time for questions from the audience. Repeat questions for the audience before answering.

Practice the presentation with a test audience using a projector. Speak in a voice that projects well, stand up straight, and make eye contact with different individuals in the audience. If possible, step out from behind the podium, which can make you seem more approachable and personable.

Some applications work differently with a projector. Plan to come to the conference early to verify that your laptop works correctly with the projectors. Bring the PC power adapter rather than depending on battery power during your presentation. Copy a backup presentation onto a CD. If bringing handouts, make sufficient copies and provide Internet links to the information.

2008 Conference page:

http://www.waurisa.org/conferences/2008_Conference_Index.html