5th Annual National Tribal GIS Conference
“Power of the Past—Progress of the Future”

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November 3-7, 2014
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Albuquerque, New Mexico
POWER OF THE PAST - PROGRESS OF THE FUTURE

Organized by the National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center (NTGISC) and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)

INTRODUCTION

A sustainable Geographic Information System (GIS) Program within a Tribal Government incorporates the values of Community & Culture, Economic Development & Commerce, Education, Health & Human Services, Land & Natural Resources, and Tribal Governance in all stages of the planning, design, deployment and maintenance.

PURPOSE

The principle goal of the Tribal GIS annual conference is to exchange information through interdisciplinary dialogues among conference participants who represent industry, academia, and federal agencies. The conference program spans across 4 ½ productive days at SIPI and includes 2 solid days of pre-conference workshops and 2 ½ days of conference sessions, each dedicated to sharing information through presentations, panel discussions, demonstrations, roundtable discussions and other special activities. Speakers are both invited and are selected for oral presentation based on submitted abstracts. The emphasis is on informative discussion and audience participation is encouraged.

New to this year’s conference is our commitment to recognizing individuals and communities through a newly created NTGISC Awards Program. The NTGISC Awards Program is designed to recognize outstanding Tribal GIS members and communities who have performed special service to their respective communities during a single year or over an extended period of time. This honor is presented to members, communities, and friends of the Tribal GIS community for making significant contributions and performing outstanding service in connection with Indian Country and the utilization of geospatial technology and methods that encourage informed decisions and benefits the Tribe, Indian Country and/or GIS community.

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GIS professionals from all disciplines within the industry are encouraged to participate in the various activities and networking opportunities that are presented during the National Tribal GIS Conference. For more information please visit www.tribalgis.com for the most up to date conference related information.

**THEME**

This year’s theme aims to build on the rich history of Indian Country. History has shaped Indian Country for thousands of years and it is important to retain vital connections to the past to pave the way for a progressive future.

“The concept of geospatial awareness is something that has been instilled in Indian Country for thousands of years. By bringing this rich history forward and coupling it with modern technology we are able to provide our Tribal leadership with the information they need to carry our tribes forward; thus paving the way for a progressive and successful future.” - Garet Couch, President of NTGISC

**SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

The conference committee is currently seeking speakers and welcomes the submission of individual papers, complete sessions, panels, and workshops. Submit abstracts for NTGISC’s conference and share your ideas, research and success stories with your peers. Abstract submissions should include a presentation title, descriptive abstract, and contact information. Abstract submissions will now be accepted until Friday, October 17, 2014. Submissions and questions may be sent to events@tribalgis.com. Complimentary registrations are available for Presenters and Volunteers.

**PARTICIPATION**

Participation is open to Tribal GIS Professionals, GIS Users, Tribal Leaders and those interested in supporting the theme of the conference, and may include members of authorities responsible for education & funding at national, regional or local levels, as well as other professionals engaged in the provision of GIS Programs, advisors of GIS policy and researchers.
SCHEDULED EVENTS

There will be a 5 day program beginning Monday, November 3, 2014.

• Day 1: Pre-Conference Training & Workshops
• Day 2: Pre-Conference Training & Workshops
• Day 3: Opening Session and Master Session to include: Keynote Speaker (Innovative GIS Projects), Federal Program Resources & Representatives, and Panel Discussion.
• Day 4: Concurrent Sessions to include: Technologies & Solutions, Speaker Presentations, and GIS Doctor’s Office (commonly known as GIS Technical Support).
• Day 5: Master Session to include: Closing speaker presentations, and Roundtable Discussion.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GISP POINTS

We encourage conference participants to utilize the National Tribal GIS conference as an opportunity to earn contact hours as you work towards your professional development goals and/or gain renewal credit for the Certified Geographic Information System Professional (GISP) program. Post conference certificates of participation will be emailed to all conference attendees for their participation.

- Conference Attendance Points (1 point per day)
- Workshop Attendance/Training Class Points (1 point per contact hour)
- Conference Presentation – CON 1 point
- Display map poster at conference - CON 1 point
- Place in Map Gallery - CON 2 points
- GIS National Awards – CON 3 points
- NTGISC Organization Membership – 1point
- NTGISC Conference Committee Member – 1 point

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

The conference program and abstracts will be available for registered attendees.

WORKSHOPS

Each year we offer a range of workshops and trainings that range from half day sessions to multi-day sessions.

DINNER RECEPTION

Join us for the annual dinner reception and entertainment. The dinner reception is included in the conference registration fee of full conference registrants. Dinner tickets can be purchased if you are not a full conference registrant or would like to bring a guest.
NATIONAL TRIBAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SUPPORT CENTER
AWARDS PROGRAM

The National Tribal Geographic Information Support Center (NTGISC) is pleased to announce its commitment to recognizing individuals and communities through the Awards Program. The NTGISC Awards Program is designed to recognize GIS leaders and friends of GIS. It is an opportunity to identify those who consistently perform above the standard – the best of the best. These awards are presented to acknowledge exceptional dedication, commitment and professionalism. Nomination brings recognition to a colleague who is making outstanding contributions to the field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

During the 2014 National Tribal GIS Conference, NTGISC will be recognizing outstanding Tribal GIS members and communities who have performed special service to their respective communities during a single year or over an extended period of time. This honor is presented to members, communities, and friends of the Tribal GIS community for making significant contributions and performing outstanding service in connection with Indian Country and the utilization of geospatial technology and methods that encourage informed decisions and benefits the tribe, Indian Country and/or GIS community. GIS professionals from all disciplines within the industry are encouraged to submit their work and/or nominate an outstanding Tribal Professional and/or community for their service.

We welcome nominations and self-submissions for the following categories: Tribal GIS Program of the Year, Outstanding Tribal GIS Member Award, Tribal GIS Professional Promise Award and Best Innovative Tribal Geospatial Application. All nominations and self-submissions will be reviewed by the Awards Program review panel to ensure that all submissions are carefully considered and reviewed.

**Annual Awards:**
- Founder’s Choice Award
- Tribal GIS Program of the Year (Nomination Required)
- Outstanding Tribal GIS Member Award (Nomination Required)
- Tribal GIS Professional Promise Award (Nomination Required)
- Best Innovative Tribal Geospatial Application (Self Submission)

For more information please email events@tribalgis.com to request an awards program packet or visit: www.tribalgis.com or www.regonline.com/2014_TGIS_Conference to download the packet.
MAP POSTER CONTEST

At the 2014 Tribal GIS Conference, we'll be assembling a gallery of the very best maps and other displays that the Indian Country has to offer, and we want you to be a part of it. GIS professionals from all disciplines within the industry are encouraged to submit their work for display in our Tribal GIS Map Gallery at SIPI. We encourage you to show off your best recent cartographic projects, from experimental techniques to finished products. Each year we learn a lot from the amazing work of our colleagues, and in 2014 we'll be looking to continue that trend. Conference registration is required. To ensure proper space for maps will be allocated, abstracts for posters must be received by Friday, October 17, 2014.

The Details:

- Submit an abstract to gcouch@tribalgis.com by October 17, which includes the following information:
  - Map/Poster Title
  - Abstract (150 words or less)
  - Presenter(s) Name & Title
  - Tribe/Company/Organization Name(s)
- To ease space restrictions, please ensure your display is no larger than 34” x 44”
- Conference registration and attendance is required. You are responsible for ensuring your display is at the meeting on time, and is properly set up.
- Check in at the registration desk to receive your map gallery package and instructions for displaying your map.
- Posters must be on display by the morning of Wednesday, November 5. The Tribal GIS Map Gallery will be held on Wednesday, November 5-Thursday, November 6. Judging will be conducted by Tribal GIS conference attendees. Only one voting ballot per attendee.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places will be given for Best Map Poster. Winners will be announced at closing session on Friday November 7, 2014. You do not have to be present to win.
- Earn points towards GISP Certification for participation.
  - Display map poster at conference · CON 1 point
  - Place in Map Gallery · CON 2 points
- Please contact Garet Couch (gcouch@tribalgis.com) with any questions.
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VENUE, REGISTRATION AND LODGING

SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (SIPI)

The conference will take place at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)

Address: 9169 Coors Road NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2014 National Tribal GIS Conference. To register, please visit the conference website: www.regonline.com/2014_TGIS_Conference

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Contact: Letisha Couch
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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Join us in the Land of Enchantment at the Embassy Suites Albuquerque, a centrally located downtown Albuquerque hotel. Their all-suite hotel is three miles from the Albuquerque International Airport.

Special accomodations for reservations booked through our group reservations include:

- Complimentary Self-Parking
- Complimentary cooked-to-order hot breakfast and evening Manager’s Reception
- Complimentary wireless internet for guests in room block
- *Shuttle service to/from conference location (SIPI) will be available for a special room rate.

*Additional fees will apply for this service and are paid directly to the Embassy Suites. Shuttle schedule coming soon.

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*Excludes applicable taxes currently 13%

Address: 1000 Woodward Place, Northeast
Albuquerque, NM, 87102

Registrants are responsible for making their own hotel reservation with the Embassy Suites. A block of rooms has been reserved until Friday, October 10, 2014. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-362-2779 or visit http://embassysuites3.hilton.com. When booking your reservation, please reference our group “5th Annual National Tribal GIS Conference” to ensure you receive the negotiated group rate.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE RATES

Attendees are responsible for getting to/from the airport. Sunport shuttle offers convenient shuttle service between Albuquerque International Sunport and all hotels. The Sunport Shuttle check-in counter is located inside the airport on the Baggage Claim Level across from Southwest’s Baggage Carousel No. 3.

Shuttle service (one-way) First passenger $11.00 and $5.00 for each additional passenger.
Shuttle service (roundtrip) First passenger $20.00 and $10.00 for each additional passenger.
NTGISC is not responsible for rates and service, please contact Sunport Shuttle directly for more information www.sunportshuttle.com or 1-866-505-4966.
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