



LA URISA: "NEWS YOU CAN USE"

September 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

The September 'Mappy Hour' Socials will be held **Wednesday, September 20**, from **5:30-7:30p** at the **Bulldog** in **Baton Rouge**, and **Mid-City Yacht Club** in **New Orleans**. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to present at a future Lunch & Learn, or have any topic requests, please let us know. You can contact the LaURISA Board by emailing LouisianaChapterURISA@gmail.com. All suggestions are welcome!

The **2017 GIS in Transit Conference** will be held **September 6-8** in **Washington D.C.** This conference will bring experts from around the country on how GIS is being used every day to improve transit systems. Click [here](#) for more info.

Other Items of Importance:

We want to extend a big congratulations to Lynn Dupont, elected to the 2018 URISA International Board of Directors! Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. We know Louisiana will be well represented, and the Board in good hands for the upcoming year.

GISCI Releases Practice Exam 8/3/17 (GIS Certification Institute) - GISCI has produced its first Practice Exam, designed to provide 50 sample questions based on most of the KSAs listed in our Exam Blueprint. The practice exam is available for download [here](#). We hope that this will be the first of several practice exams GISCI will provide to assist exam candidates in adequately preparing to sit for the Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam. And be sure to come to GIS-Pro 2017 Conference in Jacksonville FL in October for a full track focused on GISP Exam prep!

Latest URISA Digest – Read about all the activity happening for URISA Members [here](#). Shouldn't you be a URISA member too?

Just a reminder to **please complete the OneURISA survey** found [here](#) **before Friday, September 15**. It takes about 15 minutes, and your fellow URISA members appreciate your input.

Geographic Computer Technologies (GCT) is Metairie LA based GIS consulting and production firm supporting many local level government organizations. We are looking to immediately fill a GIS Technician position. Applicants should have 1-5 years experience in ArcGIS Desktop editing and data creation. Knowledge of cadastral editing (lots and parcels) and the ability to read and interpret parcel legal descriptions is desirable; however, on the job training can be provided. **Please send resumes to Joey Mathis at jmathis@gctgis.com.**

My New Orleans Photo Project is seeking a volunteer to create a map displaying photo locations across the city. The map will go into a unique calendar that showcases photography of those affected by homelessness. **If you are interested, please contact Heather Milton at refocusnola@gmail.com.**

The 2017 **GIS Pro Conference** will be held **October 23-26** in **Jacksonville, FL**. Participants will share best practices for GIS management and leadership, professional development, certification, and much more. Click [here](#) for more info. Need a ride? A group of LAURISA members is getting together to carpool to Jacksonville, FL. If you are staying within a mile of the conference, then contact Liz Lowe, LaURISA's Events Coordinator, at LouisianaChapterURISA@gmail.com. She is renting a car and is wondering if anyone would like to split the cost.
