

Call for New URISA Workshops

URISA Members:

This letter is URISA's call for new workshop proposals. Our goal is for each workshop to provide its attendees with a rewarding educational experience that helps them in their careers as geospatial practitioners. In doing so, URISA workshops make connections among a number of themes, such as: new techniques and the historical context they were developed in; theory and practice; research and technology; organization, standards, and policy; plans and programs, and intended purpose and actual function.

Develop an 8-hour URISA Certified Workshop

New workshop proposals must identify a specific niche or need. This could be a new topic or build on existing workshops, but should not be minor variations of existing workshops. Proposers, coordinators and instructors must be URISA members. A workshop must be presented with a minimum of two instructors. The workbook must not be copyrighted by the author or contain proprietary materials which may preclude URISA's use of the workbook/workshop at other URISA conferences. If interested in submitting a certified workshop proposal, follow the schedule and steps below.

To propose a new workshop, download the proposal form and related documents or contact URISA Headquarters. The Proposal Form and current workshop descriptions are listed at: <http://www.urisa.org/workshops/proposals>

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- Funding strategies for providing geospatial IT infrastructure and resources
- Development of requests for geospatial proposals, qualifications and information (RFP/RFQ/RFI)
- Geospatial data and technologies for real estate and facility management
- Geospatial data and technologies for emergency response, public safety, and homeland security Issues
- GIS in health
- Geospatial decision support systems, requirements, design and practical uses
- GIS-based environmental management systems
- Geo-caching and fun uses of GPS technologies
- GIS and CAMA integration
- Automated vehicle location and mobile geospatial data collection techniques
- Geospatial data management, maintenance, and quality assurance
- Map design and best practices for digital cartographic production in GIS
- Introduction to surveying for GIS practitioners
- Best practices for implementing and managing enterprise GIS
- Practical techniques for implementing OGC standard web services
- Available web services and integration within SOA (Service Oriented Architecture) based applications development projects
- IT infrastructure security and disaster recovery
- Metadata - do's and don'ts and tools

Proposals can be emailed to sgrams@urisa.org when completed.

All new workshops are considered on the following schedule:

- December 3, 2007 Proposals due
- May 26, 2008 First draft of workbook due
- August 25, 2008 Final draft of workbook due
- October 7, 2008 Workshop presented at the URISA 2008 Annual Conference, October 7-10, New Orleans, LA

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