

# 2016 INTERMOUNTAIN GIS CONFERENCE CALL FOR POSTERS/MAPS

GREAT FALLS, MT APRIL 4 - 7, 2016

**POSTER/MAP CONTEST REGISTRATION/ABSTRACT SUBMISSION  
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12TH, 2016**



The MAGIP community has demonstrated many creative and insightful ways through maps, other graphical forms, and the web, for getting their message out to their audience. If you have created posters/maps that you are proud of and would like to put on display to a large group of GIS professionals, the Map Gallery would be a perfect opportunity to show them to the MAGIP community. You can enter your maps and web mapping applications to the Map Gallery, for display at this year's conference, at the conference registration site. All entries will be evaluated for possible cash awards totaling \$700 by judges during the conference.

## GUIDELINES AND POLICY

The Map Gallery exhibit is reserved for student, professional and agency projects and work. It is not intended to be a venue for private industry promotion. Posters are not to exceed Arch E size (36" X 48").

- No vendor or product advertisements. Vendors may submit posters as long as it is a product of work and not an advertisement.
- All submitted maps and web mapping applications must contain a list of products used to produce it and contact information. This information list will be displayed with the map and on the web mapping display.
- **Awards: \$100 for People's Choice, \$75 for first place in the 3 categories (Information Usage, Effective Cartography and Web mapping) with prizes for both professional and student and \$25 for second place.**

## PAPER MAP GUIDELINES

- Maximum size of the map is Arch E (36" X 48").
- Un-mounted flat un-laminated maps/posters are easier to hang.
- Do not submit the same map for different categories - please choose the best fit. Anyone may submit a variety of maps/posters in appropriate categories.
- If you carry your map(s) with you to the conference, please inform the conference registration desk before **4:30 on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- If you don't want to carry your map with you, they can be mailed. Please **mail maps no later than March 25, 2016** to:

**Brian Andersen  
MDT – Planning  
2701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001**

- All map submitters are asked to submit or bring an image (in Adobe PDF) of the map to the conference.
- All submitters are encouraged to spend some time at their display to answer questions - especially from the judges - during the Map Gallery Reception which is held on **Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**

## WEB MAPPING APPLICATIONS

- At 5:30 Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> a special area and time will be set aside for presentations to be made.
- Every applicant will have 5 minutes to present their web mapping application to the judges. Screenshots, PowerPoint, or a live demo will be accepted. If the submission is a live demo and the application does not launch correctly, the submitter will use slides to illustrate the functionality of their website.
- All submitters must supply 5 - 7 slides that will demonstrate the functionality of their website.
- Web mapping applications must operate from a conference supplied computer. Additional software, specific to the application and not part of the conference's standard tool suite, will not be allowed.
- Submit web mapping application links and slides no later than **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to Brian Andersen (brandersen@mt.gov).

## PAPER MAP JUDGING CATEGORIES

All participants are encouraged to select the judging category (described below) that their map best exemplifies.

### INFORMATION USAGE (STUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL)

This category is for GIS-generated products which are used to convey information; or to synthesize multiple data elements; or to analyze and report results. The variations on how GIS is used to convey information are almost limitless.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

Succinct title or caption, Readability of relevant data Value added component, Complexity of data, Ease of use and comprehension, Usability of information as presented

### EFFECTIVE CARTOGRAPHY (STUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL)

This category should include maps that effectively use cartography to convey the map message. This can be as simple as making sure the elements that are essential get proper emphasis or they can be truly creative or complex. The map is the main focus but may include textual material and graphics.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

Communication of map theme, Placement of essential elements, Overall use of space, Effective symbols and icons  
Text placement, font, and size and Weighting of map elements

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The conference attendees will vote for their favorite display during the Map Gallery Reception and throughout the day on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> up until the Awards Banquet. Awards will be handed out at the Awards Banquet Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. The People's Choice Award winner gets \$100.

## WEB MAPPING APPLICATION AWARD

Judges will vote for their favorite web mapping application during the web presentations. We expect the web mapping application presentations to be near the printed Map Gallery to encourage everyone to see all the submissions. Awards will be handed out at the Awards Banquet Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

## ENTER YOUR POSTER INTO THE MAP GALLERY

Review the contest guidelines and judging criteria. Fill out the Poster Submission Form **by February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016** located here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRR52SB>

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### NOTE:

Notification of acceptance will be made on or before February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All persons submitting a poster will be expected to register for the conference upon acceptance. For more information about the GIS conference, check the conference web site at <http://magip.org/Intermountain2016> or contact Jeff Hedstrom at [jhedstrom@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:jhedstrom@greatfallsmt.net) / (406) 455-8437.