Abstracts will be accepted until August 17th for presentations at the ND GIS Users Conference that will be held September 19-20, 2017 at Bismarck State College in Bismarck, North Dakota. Presentations can include traditional oral and poster presentations as well as workshops. Presentations for all levels of GIS users are welcome. Students are encouraged to submit an abstract for a poster or oral presentation and enter one of two competitions, GIS For Everybody or GIS In Transportation.

We will accommodate as many presenters, posters and workshops as we can, but because of space and time limitations we reserve the right to select participants based on topic.

All presentations and workshop proposals must include an abstract and identify the target audience, beginner, intermediate or advanced, which will be printed in the conference program. Only participants registered for the meeting whose abstract has been accepted can make an oral presentation, poster presentation, or offer a workshop. The final abstract deadline is August 17, 2017. Reminder that sponsors who have chosen to provide a presentation as part of their sponsorship (rather than booth space) need to submit an abstract.

Oral presentations will be up to 20 minutes in length (including time for questions and/or discussion). Standard projectors will be provided. Please contact us if you require other presentation equipment. Anyone who wishes to present orally must submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, using the format outlined below. Abstracts will be published in the conference program. For oral presentations, please no promotion of products unless you are at the Partner or Premier sponsorship level. If you are a student and wish to enter the student oral presentation competition, “GIS For Everybody,” please indicate that in your email abstract submission. Student competition details begin on page 3 of this Final Call.

Posters are exhibited for informal browsing with opportunities for individual discussion with poster authors. Participants who submit a poster will be required to be present at their poster during the one hour scheduled session. Poster presentations should make a unified, coherent statement. Materials should be of professional quality and be clearly legible from a distance of four feet. Please limit posters to a maximum size of 3’ x 4’ and attach posters on foam core or other
sturdy material. Posters will be displayed on free-standing easels during the poster session and throughout the conference. Text should be limited to brief statements. Anyone who wishes to present a poster must submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, using the format outlined below. Abstracts will be published in the conference program. For poster presentations, please no promotion of products. If you are a student and wish to enter the student poster presentation competition, “GIS for Everybody” or “GIS in Transportation” please indicate that in your email abstract submission. Student competition details begin on page 3 of this Final Call.

**Workshop** time slots are offered in a 1 hour block or a 2 hour block. The workshops can be lecture-based using PowerPoint, demonstrations or handouts. Workshops are typically more focused and have a practical application. Standard projectors will be provided. Please contact us if you require other types of presentation equipment. Anyone who wishes to offer a workshop must submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, using the format outlined below. Abstracts will be published in the conference program. Please no promotion of products during workshops.

**Abstract Formatting:**
- Please identify your target audience, Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced.
- For author and affiliation, please follow the appropriate sample below.
- Include the email address for the primary author (presenter) only.
- Text should be single-spaced.
- Do not insert any codes for justification, hyphenation, line height, line centering, margins, spacing, fonts, page centering or page numbering.
- Abstracts will not be edited and appear “as is” in the conference program; please proofread your entry carefully.

Samples (for single author or multiple authors with same or different affiliations):
- **Single author**: John P. Smith, Department of Geosciences, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58108, john.smith@ndsu.edu. **TITLE OF PRESENTATION OR WORKSHOP**.
- **Multiple authors, same affiliation**: John P. Smith and Jane D. Jones, Department of Geography, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202, john.smith@und.edu. **TITLE OF PRESENTATION OR WORKSHOP**.
- **Multiple authors, different affiliations**: John P. Smith, Department of Geography, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202, and Jane D. Jones, Information Technology Department, State of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND 99799, john.smith@und.edu. **TITLE OF PRESENTATION OR WORKSHOP**.
Please save your abstract as a Microsoft Word file, using the following format: Lastname_Firstname.docx (e.g., Jones_Jane.docx). Submit your abstract by email as an email attachment to: angela.milakovic@bismarckstate.edu no later than Thursday August 17, 2017. Please use subject “NDGIS ABSTRACT” in your email. In your email indicate the following:

- If any projection equipment other than a standard digital projector is required for your presentation or workshop.
- If you are requesting a workshop, oral presentation, or poster presentation.
  - If a workshop, please indicate a 1 hour or 2 hour time block. Please use all of the allotted time for workshops.
  - If an oral presentation, please indicate your target audience:
    - beginner, intermediate or advanced.
- If you are a student, indicate the competition, if any, you wish to enter: GIS For Everybody (poster or oral presentation), or GIS in Transportation (poster only)

Student Oral Presentation and Poster Competitions
The Conference Planning Team is pleased to announce two student competitions: GIS for Everybody and GIS in Transportation. The awards encourage students to develop their skills in GIS for use in their future careers.

- **Students may enter only one competition.**
- Students wishing to enter a competition must submit an abstract no later than August 17, 2017. When submitting the abstract by email, please indicate which competition and which category, if any, you are entering.

GIS for Everybody Competition
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students and sponsored by the Conference Planning Team.
- Competition participants may compete in only one of two following categories: (1) **best student oral presentation** or (2) **best student poster presentation**.
- All papers and posters entered into the general student competition must report on original research conducted primarily by the student presenting the work.
- All competitors must register for the conference and submit an abstract according to the instructions above.
- Papers and posters will be judged based on content, organization, style, graphics, and, in the case of papers, quality of oral presentation.
• First place winners in each category (oral presentation or poster) will receive a $150 cash prize. Second place winners in each category will receive a $75 prize.

GIS in Transportation Competition
• Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Award sponsored by the NDSU-Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.
• Competition participants may compete in the following category only: best student poster presentation.
• The award encourages students to develop their skills in GIS in transportation for use in their future careers.
• Posters will be judged based on content, organization, style, graphics, and, and overall quality of poster presentation.
• One award of $300 will be presented to a graduate student. One award of $200 will be presented to an undergraduate student.

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