

The Geographic Information Systems Council  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**STUDENT GIS PROJECT COMPETITION**

**Call for GIS Papers/Posters  
2009**

To encourage and award the contributions made by UWM students to the development of geographic information science and technology, the GIS Council at UWM will hold a student GIS project competition on the GIS Day, November 18, 2009. All current UWM students are encouraged to participate in this important event.

Graduate and Undergraduate students should submit either:

- a research poster accompanied by an explanatory paper, or
- a research paper.

**1) Eligibility:**

All competition participants must be students for the academic year 2009-2010 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The project could be a class project, a research project, or an internship project related to geographic information science and technology. For projects resulting from an internship, a letter from a direct supervisor should be provided to verify that the majority work was done by the participant and that the project report was written solely by the participant. Projects that were done in previous years are also eligible to participate in the competition as long as the projects were done at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee *AND* the participant is a current University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee student for academic year 2009-2010. Ph.D. students are required to submit course work or research projects that are not related to their dissertation (Do not submit dissertation materials).

**2) Number of Awards and Prizes:**

The following awards and prizes will be given:

- The Best Student GIS Project for graduate students/GIS certificate students
  - First Place - \$300 and a certificate
  - Second Place - \$200 and a certificate
- The Best Undergraduate Student GIS Project
  - First Place - \$100 and a certificate

### **3) Procedure and Deadline:**

#### **Poster and Paper:**

Posters should be no larger than 36 X 54 inches. The poster should contain, at the minimum, a title, your name and affiliated department, an introduction, project methods, results, and a conclusion. The applicant shall make the poster available for exhibition by delivering the poster (hard copy, NOT digital copy) to Kay Guildner (guildner@uwm.edu) at the American Geographical Society Library (third floor, east wing, of the UWM Golda Meir Library) by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009**. Posters can be printed at no cost through Visual Design Services at UWM. Detailed information can be found at [http://www4.uwm.edu/uits/services/media/large\\_format\\_printing/edtech.cfm/](http://www4.uwm.edu/uits/services/media/large_format_printing/edtech.cfm/).

The paper shall not exceed 6 pages (double spaced, with font size of 12). The applicant shall hand in one hard copy and one digital copy of the paper. The hard copy paper shall be hand-delivered to Professor Changshan Wu at the Department of Geography (Bolton Hall 482) and the digital copy should be e-mailed to Professor Changshan Wu at cswu@uwm.edu by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009**.

#### **Paper Only:**

The paper shall not exceed 8 pages (double spaced, with font size of 12). The applicant shall hand in one hard copy and one digital copy of the paper. The hard copy paper shall be hand-delivered to Professor Changshan Wu at the Department of Geography (Bolton Hall 482) and the digital copy should be e-mailed to Professor Changshan Wu at cswu@uwm.edu by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009**.

#### **Entry Form:**

All applicants shall submit a completed entry form by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009**. The entry form can be found at: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/GIS/flyers/GIS\\_Comp\\_Form.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/GIS/flyers/GIS_Comp_Form.html)

Winners of the competition will be announced during the luncheon of GIS Day Activities (see 5 below).

### **4) Criteria for winning projects:**

- The project makes significant contribution to advance new theories and methods of Geographic Information Science and Technology.
- The project demonstrates excellence and innovation in applying theories and methods of Geographic Information Science and Technology.
- The project shows high quality of presentation in terms of graphic design in the poster and excellent writing of the project report or research paper.

Five judges (see below) will review and evaluate the submitted posters and papers. Based on the evaluation, the award committee will select three projects as winners of the competition.

## **5) Exhibitions of Posters**

All posters will be on display at the American Geographical Society Library (the third floor, east wing, of the UWM Golda Meir Library) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. All competition participants are required to be there at 10:00 a.m. to answer any questions. Participants may be asked to briefly present their projects to the judges. Judges will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and winners of the competition will be announced during the luncheon of GIS Day Activities.

## **6) Judges and the Award Committee**

Please contact the members of the Award Committee if you have any questions:

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