

# GEO Business 2014 Unveils Opening Keynote Speaker



The organisers of GEO Business 2014, Diversified Communications, have announced that the opening keynote address for the innovative conference will be made by Peter Hansford, the chief construction advisor to the government of the United Kingdom. The new geospatial event will be held from 28-29 May in London.

With a career that has taken in positions at Amey, Maunsell, the Strategic Rail Authority and Gardiner and Theobald, Peter Hansford has spent the majority of his career on highways and railways with project management largely being his focus. Peter is also an ardent advocate and supporter of the BIM initiative. Versha Carter, group exhibition director of GEO Business commented they are delighted Peter Hansford is joining at the inaugural GEO Business event to present the opening address

Peter Hansford will be accompanied by fellow keynote speakers; Neil Ackroyd, acting director general and chief executive, Ordnance Survey, David Philp, head of BIM implementation, Cabinet Office/Mace Group, Anne Kemp, director BIM strategy and development, Atkins Limited and Dr Catherine Souch, head of research and higher education, Royal Geographical Society.

The conference incorporates 49 sessions running in two tracks, providing presentations on the following topics: Making Data Deliverable, BIM meets Geospatial, Exploiting the Power of Big Data, Smart GIS, Surveying Operations and System Integration, Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA), Coastal and Hydrographic, Global Trends, Specifications and Standards, Geospatial Education and Recent Project Examples.

To see the full conference programme [see here](#). To find out how to register [go here](#).

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