

GIS-Pro 2011 Events

A number of events will be featured at GIS-Pro 2011: URISA's 49th Annual Conference taking place from 1st to 4th November 2011 in Indianapolis, USA. An 'All Things Geospatial' evening, Ignite session, Lightning Talks, an OpenStreetMap Lab, Esri Technical Workshops and User Group Meeting, and a DevMeetUp are all scheduled this year. URISA is also hosting a working group during the conference to develop the final tier of the Geospatial Technology Competency Model for the US Department of Labor (DOL). This tier will establish the competencies needed for GIS managers.

Conference chair Geney Terry, GISP noted that the educational content of the conference will "cover professional development, tools to measure the success of GIS like ROI and maturity models, state of the art technologies, geospatial industry trends, sharing of leadership experience, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. Several sessions will be conducted more like a training class providing information to take back to work and implement immediately. The **developer community**, both application and web, was not focused on in the schedule during the past. We've now included several sessions, both daytime breakout sessions and evening events, that will provide opportunities for developers to learn, collaborate, and network. These sessions cover industry-standard software and open source applications."

URISA Certified Workshops, this year offered at no additional cost with your conference registration, will be presented on 1st November 2011. Attendees may choose one workshop to attend (note that some of the workshops are already nearing capacity): Business Intelligence and Data Integration for the GIS Professional; Cartography and Map Design; 3D Geospatial: Project Implementation Methods and Best Practices; Open Source GIS; GIS Strategic Planning and Public Data, Public Access, Privacy and Security.

GIS-Pro 2011 will take place at the new JW Marriott Indianapolis which has already garnered customer satisfaction awards since opening in February.