2019 Big Sky GeoCon
Butte, MT | April 1 – 4, 2019

Call for Poster/Maps
Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, February 15, 2019

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"), portrait orientation preferable to fit correctly on display boards.

- 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 3 categories (Research and Applications, 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 drop off at the conference registration desk by **12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019.**
- If you don't want to carry your map with you, they can be mailed. Please mail maps no later than March 18th to :

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- 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 2nd at 5:30 pm.

Web Mapping Applications:

- At 5:30 pm Tuesday, April 2nd a special area and time will be set aside for presentations to be made.
- Every submitter 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 18th, 2019 to brandersen@mt.gov.

Paper Map Judging Categories:

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

Research and Application of Geospatial Technology (Student and Professional)
This category is for products generated using geospatial technology to analyze, visualize, and assess various forms of data for aid in research and information dissemination.

- ◆ **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 usage. 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 3rd up until the Awards Banquet. Awards will be handed out at the Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm. 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 on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm.

Enter Your Poster Into The Map Gallery
- Review the contest guidelines and judging criteria.
- Click Here to complete the Poster Submission by February 15, 2019.
  - o Choose "Click Here to Begin a New Registration"
  - o You will be prompted to create a profile and then you can proceed to submission (**Note:** you will need to remember your login information to access your account later to make edits, complete registration, etc.)
  - o Complete the Poster Submission section only.
  - o If you are accepted you will then go back to your account and complete the registration section.

Notification of acceptance will be made on or before March 1st, 2019. All persons submitting a poster will be expected to register for the conference upon acceptance. For more information about the GIS Conference, visit the conference website at http://www.magip.org/BigSkyGeoCon.