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2014 AAG Annual Meeting at Tampa Bay – April 8-12, 2014

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The potential for GIS and GIScience to contribute to the formation of public policy has long been a reality, but is now becoming more broadly understood and central to governmental policy-making at all levels, as well as in society at large. A core theme of the upcoming AAG Annual Meeting will be "GIScience, GIS, and Public Policy," which will explore the expanding role of GIScience and GIS in the public policy arena, on crucial national issues such as climate change, immigration, health, civil rights and racism, transportation, energy, electoral redistricting, natural resources, social justice, the environment, and many others.

The theme of "GIScience, GIS, and Public Policy" also encompasses another dimension, that of federal and state policy-making regarding GIS itself. At the AAG Tampa Bay meeting, several special sessions will focus on the work of two key national organizations which make policy for GIS: the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) and the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). Both of these organizations are leading the development of a new Strategic Plan for the US National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The US Census Bureau and other federal agencies, as well as private sector organizations, will also discuss their latest policy and technical developments related to the generation and use of Geographic Information Systems and data, and how these interact with the NSDI. Parallel international policies and activities of the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) will also be discussed.

Key issues in planning for the future of the NSDI include the explosive generation and availability of real-time interactive GPS/GIS spatiotemporal data, GIS cyberinfrastructure, web-enabled GIS, geography education and workforce development policies, GIS certification, standards development, data interoperability, and many others. Current challenges in GIScience, such as locational privacy implications of the wide-spread availability of real-time geographic data, will be an area of special focus. Other sessions will address issues such as public access to governmental GIS data, federal procurement procedures for GIS and mapping services, evolving legal frameworks of a spatially enabled society, and a wide range of critical analyses and perspectives of GIScience, GIS, and Public Policy.

In addition to the topics identified above, we would also like to invite you to develop your own ideas on the theme of “GIScience, GIS, and Public Policy,” and to form sessions and submit papers. When you receive confirmation by email of a successful abstract or session submission, please forward this confirmation to: GISPolicyTheme@aag.org.
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Each session may list up to two organizers and one chair in the program.

**Paper Sessions** consist of five papers or four papers and a discussant. Each paper is expected to conform to the 20-minute time limit. **Panel Sessions** consist of four to six participants, with no abstracts. These sessions are 100-minute discussions among the panel and audience members. Formal presentations are not to be part of panel sessions, and panel sessions do not have abstracts associated with them.

All participants in sessions need to be registered for the meeting. Participants who register by December 3, 2013 will enjoy discounted registration fees. The deadline for submitting abstracts is also December 3, 2013.