Call for Hosting GIScience 2018

The GIScience Steering Committee is inviting proposals for hosting GIScience 2018. GIScience is typically a 3-day conference, with an additional day of pre-conference workshops. The GIScience series has been held biennially since 2000 in even years and has drawn between 300 and 400 attendants in recent years. Since the 2016 conference was held in Montréal, Canada, GIScience 2018 is expected to be held outside of North America. The typical timeframe for the meeting is in September/October.

We solicit applications by a person who wants to be the General Chair for GIScience 2018. Candidates should be familiar with the GIScience community. The General Chair will need a substantial organization team and have access to an attractive site, at affordable rates for participants.

The conference site will need an auditorium for 300+ attendants, and 3-5 rooms for parallel sessions, each with around 100 seats. The pre-conference workshops need five to ten rooms, each seating up to 50 (potentially at a site in the near neighborhood of the conference site).

Proposals should include:

- The candidate's credentials as organizer plus a complete CV.
- A description of the conference venue with which the candidate has inquired about availability, with enough detail about conference facilities.
- The proposed dates.
- Availability of hotels, in various categories, in the vicinity of the conference site.
- Logistics about traveling to and from the conference, including information about the nearest airport and participants' options for local transportation.
- A tentative budget with break-even attendance points.

The GIScience Steering Committee will review all complete submissions and select a site and its General Chair. Upon selection of the host, the Steering Committee will work with the General Chair to appoint up to three Program Committee co-chairs.

All proposals need to be submitted as a single PDF file to Max Egenhofer (max@spatial.maine.edu) and Werner Kuhn (werner@ucsb.edu).

Proposals must be received by December 15, 2016. The Steering Committee anticipates announcing its decision by January 15, 2017.

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