Dear GTCM Faculty Development Workshop Participant

Today we begin the real work in our process with the release of our two course development surveys. These two instruments have been in continuous development for 8 solid weeks, and reflect the collective knowledge and expertise of the 5 researchers on our team: Chris Semejian (lead, Skills course), Ken Yanow (lead, Awareness course), John Johnson (DACUM expert), Ann Johnson, and Vince DiNoto.

These surveys will provide the basis for our entire discussion this summer at the one day workshop. Your careful, thoughtful, and purposeful completion of the surveys is absolutely critical to the success of our mutual efforts. Remember, you are more of a contributor to this effort than a simple participant to workshop. You were chosen to participate based upon your expertise as a geospatial educator. We will all be learning the most effective and meaningful method for implementing the GTCM together. With this in mind, *please set aside a minimum of one full hour for each survey*. We expect you may be able to complete the first course (Awareness) in less than one hour, but the second course (Skills) is much more involved. It's absolutely critical that you complete both surveys!

The survey settings track you by your computer's unique IP address only. No login is required for either survey. The surveys are set to allow you to *exit them at any point and restart where you left off*. This feature requires a semi-static IP address to function, meaning as long as you do not reboot your router and/or modem or use a roaming wireless device, your IP should remain stable for at least 24 hours. This feature is not guaranteed. At worse you would need to repeat from the beginning, which only reinforces your understanding of the GTCM intricacies.

If you would like to review the GTCM basics, all the references are found here. When you are ready to begin here are the URLs to the surveys:

1. Gateway Awareness and Spatial Literacy Course
2. Gateway GIS Skill Competencies Course

If you have specific question about the Awareness and Spatial Literacy Course contents, contact Ken Yanow.

If you have specific questions about the GIS Skill Competencies Course contents, contact Chris Semerjian.

If you have general questions about the GeoTech or survey websites, contact Phillip Davis.

Thank you for your assistance as we begin our GTCM Journey!