

Dear Geospatial Educator:

As a recognized leading geospatial educator in your region, we are asking for your help and are willing to offer a stipend for your efforts. The [GeoTech Center](#), working with the Department of Labor, finalized the [Geospatial Technology Competency Model](#) (GTCM) defining the skills and competencies needed by the geospatial workforce. For the GTCM to be useful to community college educations, we created a [Program Assessment Tool](#) to access the alignment of a program to workforce needs. In addition, GeoTech is developing two Geospatial Model Course Outlines based on the GTCM. GeoTech believes that the Model Course Outlines will help educators new to geospatial technology create a new course based on workforce standards. It will also help align existing courses with those standards and provide a basis on which to qualify it for General Education status or articulate it with other programs.

To accomplish the above tasks, GeoTech will bring together expert geospatial educators such as you for **one** of two, one-day workshops on either:

1. [June 27, 2011 in Louisville, KY](#) in conjunction with the GeoED—11 conference, hosted by GeoTech Center partner Jefferson Community College.
2. [July 8, 2011 in San Diego, CA](#) in conjunction with the Esri EdUC 2011 conference hosted by GeoTech Center partners Southwestern College and San Diego State University.

The project has two goals: 1) Introduce and pilot test the new online GTCM Program Assessment Tool, and b) Build two Model Course Outlines aligned with the GTCM. Participation in the project involves an extended commitment and we will be offering the stipend to cover your travel expenses (up to \$1000) to the workshop and a \$500 stipend (payable in 3 increments) based on the dates and deliverables below:

1. Orientation webinar on using GTCM assessment tool (2 hours) April 8, 2011.
2. Update webinar (1 hour) June 3, 2011.
3. Workshop: one full day, either June 27 or July 8, 2011 (\$250 stipend).
4. Resource recommendation deadline July 30, 2011.
5. Review of model course outline w/ resources webinar September 30, 2011.
6. Impact of model course focus-group webinar, Dec 2, 2011 (\$250 stipend).

We have only 28 spots for the two workshops (14 participants each) and believe you would be an excellent participant. Since we are on a tight timeline, we request your completed [application](#) no later than March 15, 2011. We will review the applications and notify invitees of their acceptance by April 1, 2011.

I hope you will give serious consideration to this offer. It is your opportunity to have a major, long-term impact on the future of America's two year college geospatial education. If you have any question, please contact GeoTech at 361 698-1475.

Cordially,

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