



Texas Association of Regional Councils



Department of Information Resources



# GIS Metadata Trainer 2-Day Workshop *April 26-27, 2007*

## *What Is It?*

The **Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)**, Texas A&M University, Texas Association of Regional Councils, and the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) is sponsoring a **GIS Metadata Trainer Workshop** on April 26 - 27.

The intent of this opportunity is to encourage the establishment of GIS metadata trainers at the Texas Councils of Government that can serve as regional trainers for the counties, cities, and 911-districts within their jurisdiction. The training is sponsored by the FGDC and there is no cost for participation. Based upon need, the FGDC offers scholarships to cover the cost of hotel room and meals at Texas A&M University for TARC members during the training. Participants are responsible for their own travel costs to and from College Station, Texas.

The workshop will provide instruction on training materials development for specific audiences, effective training delivery methods, and training event planning and logistical considerations. Participants will explore methods to stimulate implementation of the FGDC metadata standard - Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM) and help organizations make the transition to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standard. The workshop will direct participants to existing metadata resources for the creation, development and dissemination of metadata.

## *Who Should Attend?*

The workshop is intended for those with an operational understanding of geospatial metadata. This workshop does not include any introductory metadata training. The Council representatives participating in this workshop should be able to commit to the role of council metadata trainer and council metadata point of contact.

## *Why Attend?*

The creation of GIS metadata is one important indicator of professionalism for an organization that is producing geospatial datasets. Creating metadata facilitates data sharing and dissemination among federal, state, regional and local agencies and the private sector. More importantly, however, metadata is a critical data component that supports internal data and project management. This is particularly critical for homeland security applications and

emergency response where speed and accuracy can be improved by having GIS datasets that are well organized and documented in advance of an emergency.

Attendees who successfully complete the workshop will be provided a certificate of completion and documentation of their student activity hours.

Attendees should bring a wireless-ready laptop to develop training materials and agency graphics, templates, icons, etc.

***Location:***

LaSalle Hotel  
Bryan, Texas,  
<http://www.lasalle-hotel.com/>

***Dates:***

April 26-27, 2007

***Registration:***

The workshop is free. However, registration in advance is required to attend. A limited amount of travel funds are available for room and meals at Texas A&M University upon request. Travel costs to and from Bryan Texas are the responsibility of the participant organization.

To register, send an email to "Kathryn Nachlinger" <[k-nachlinger@tamu.edu](mailto:k-nachlinger@tamu.edu)> with your need, if any, for travel funds and the following information:

1. Subject: GIS Metadata Trainer Workshop April 26-27
2. Your Name
3. Title
4. Organization
5. Address
6. Phone
7. E-mail

***Restrictions:***

This metadata workshop has limited seating reserved for Texas Association of Regional Council Members. Participants must be experienced GIS metadata users and be in a position to serve as a metadata trainer for their organization and the jurisdictions within their region. There is a limit of 1 training spot per council of government.

Seating availability and travel support funding is limited to 8 training spots. Therefore interested COGs should register as soon as possible.

***Questions?***

Logistical questions may be addressed to: "Kathryn Nachlinger" <[k-nachlinger@tamu.edu](mailto:k-nachlinger@tamu.edu)>  
Workshop content questions may be addressed to: [lwayne@geomaxim.com](mailto:lwayne@geomaxim.com)