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It is our pleasure to invite you to the Northern Territory's Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI) inaugural conference '**NT Spatial 2011 – The State of Play**' to be held in Darwin from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

The overall theme of this event - "State of Play" - will address the present status and future of the survey and spatial (location based) industry, and the various roles of government and private organisations in spatially enabling the Territory.

'**NT Spatial 2011 – The State of Play**' will be presented as a three-day symposium with numerous presentations, exhibits and workshops. The event will include a broad professional, technical, administrative and scientific program with six sittings each offering 1 to 2 parallel sessions. There will also be special sessions on 'Spatially Enabling Government' and will offer invited high profile presentations that will emphasise the business of Territory Government agencies participating in this unique initiative.

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## ***Call for papers... NOW OPEN!!***

The Organising Committee invites abstracts for both oral and poster presentations. All intending oral and poster presenters are required to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words by Friday 10th December 2010. Presenters will receive notification by email of the acceptance of their paper by Friday 17th December 2010. Note that full paper submission is optional.

The abstract submission template can be downloaded [here](#).

All abstracts are required to be submitted via email to: [ntspatial@gmail.com](mailto:ntspatial@gmail.com).

Symposia topics include but are not limited to:

- **Spatial Information & Cartography**
- **Location Based Applications & Services**
- **Land Surveying**
- **Remote Sensing & Photogrammetry**
- **Engineering & Mining Surveying**
- **Hydrography**

Any enquiries regarding the call for papers, abstracts, or technical program please contact

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### ***Who should attend 'NT Spatial 2011 – The State of Play'***

NT Spatial 2011 will bring surveyors, spatial scientists, land information professionals, technicians, administrators and managers together to meet and exchange ideas. The conference will provide valuable opportunities for all those currently working within the Industry, those wishing to progress their organisation, and those interested in spatially enabling their business. The event aims to cater for anyone with an interest in surveying and the spatial sciences!

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### ***Why should I attend "NT Spatial 2011 – The State of Play"***

The event will aim to:

- Offer NT SSSI members the opportunity to fulfill CPD requirements
- Provide a forum for interested persons and special interest groups to discuss, and be informed about, surveying and the spatial sciences both within our region and beyond

- Provide networking opportunities for members
  - Deliver a full and interesting program to location Industry professionals
  - Advocate the use of spatial data, technologies and services in a business context, and the role the Spatial Industry currently plays within the NT
  - Afford NT spatial professionals the opportunity to prepare and deliver a paper/presentation to their Industry peers
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### ***Venue, Cost and Program Details...***

The event will be hosted at **The Holiday Inn**, Esplanade, Darwin, from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2011**.

A series of workshops will be run on the Wednesday, followed by a full two-day conference program commencing on the Thursday.

Cost to attend the two-day conference event will be **\$200** for SSSI members, **\$300** for non-members and **\$100** for students.

It anticipated that workshops will **start** from **\$150**, and will be either half day or a full day. Stay tuned for further announcements on the workshop program!

#### **Key conference features:**

- Half-day Spatially-Enabling Government presentations and forum
- Parallel sessions representative of SSSI commissions subject areas
- Trade exhibitors showcasing their latest products and services
- Fully catered and concluding with a farewell cocktail-style reception

Registration goes live from **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. To register for the event, simply visit the SSSI event calendar or [NT Spatial](#) area on the SSSI website. Remember to login using your member details to ensure attendance and allocated CPD points are assigned to your profile. Payment via the online portal ensures immediate registration and invoicing.

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### ***Event Sponsorship***

Sponsorship is an ideal way to prominently position your organisation as a key player in the NT surveying and spatial sciences industry, and to increase the recognition of your brand to this sector.

A number of sponsorship opportunities currently exist, however these are **limited**, and moving **fast**! Standard event sponsorship and exhibitor rights start at \$2000 (GST incl), with additional opportunities and tailored packages also available. Please keep an eye out for the launch of the sponsor package [here](#) on the NT Spatial site.

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For further information about supporting “**NT Spatial 2011 – The State of Play**” please contact Amy Peterson on 0439 725 599 or at [ntspatial@gmail.com](mailto:ntspatial@gmail.com)

Please feel free to forward this email to any of your colleagues or business contacts whom you think may be interested about any aspect of this event.

On behalf of the organising committee, I look forward to welcoming you to “**NT Spatial 2011 – The State of Play**”, and realise that with your support, NT Spatial events may likely grow into dominant fixtures on our Industry calendar into the future.

**Amy Peterson**  
Conference Committee Chair  
NT Regional SSSI Committee

