

# South Dakota GIS Conference 2009

The 2009 South Dakota GIS Conference will be held **September 1-2** at the Teton Island Convention Center in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. The State of South Dakota, the Spatial Technology Consortium, and the Black Hills Digital Mapping Association are working together to bring you this networking and educational opportunity. This is the first statewide GIS conference since 2006!

Anyone interested in Geographic Information Systems or spatial technologies is encouraged to attend. Join others from the private sector, educational institutions, and from local, state, tribal, and federal government organizations in exchanging of ideas and sharing of experiences.

**Keynote Speaker** – Ron Woodburn is a charter member of the South Dakota GIS Consortium and its first Director. In 1988, Ron recruited a handful of GIS users from government, academia, and the private sector to get together in a collaborative effort. It has been a rather informal group from the beginning, but it has led to data sharing, research collaborations, and technical information exchange that undoubtedly has improved GIS services to our customers. Ron’s career as a geographer has taken him in new directions in recent years, but he is back this year to check our progress. As our keynote speaker, Ron’s energy and enthusiasm for “all things geography” is entertaining and contagious. We welcome him to this reunion of GIS users as well as a harbinger of things to come.

## Conference at a Glance

- Day 1, Tuesday (9AM – 4 PM MDT): Presentations, Exhibits, Keynote
- Day 2, Wednesday (9AM – 2PM MDT): Presentations, Workshops, Exhibits

## Registration

- Coming Soon! We hope to avoid charging a registration fee.

## Hotel

[AmericInn](#)  
312 Island Drive  
Fort Pierre, SD 57532  
605-223-2358

A block of rooms under SD GIS Conference have been reserved for this event. Room rates are \$89.99 standard or \$99.99 standard riverside for single or double occupancy. A limited number of government rate rooms **may** become available. The hotel is connected to the Teton Island Convention Center.

## Contact Information

For more information or to express interest in providing a presentation, workshop, sponsorship, or exhibit, please contact:

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