

**Geospatial Information & Technology Association's**  
 Geospatially Enabling Community Collaboration  
 (GECCo) Workshop



**Workshop Goal and Objectives**

**Workshop Goal:** To build on the experiences and knowledge gained from previous Blue Cascades and other regional exercises in order to further examine and begin resolving the collaboration and information exchange issues that inhibit effective critical infrastructure interdependencies and preparedness using Geospatial Information Technology.

**Workshop Objectives:**

- Learn why GIS is a key tool for supporting critical infrastructure protection and emergency management
- Gain an understanding of GITA's Geospatially Enabling Community Collaboration program findings from other regions
- Examine data sharing and collaboration issues and opportunities among public and private infrastructure owners
- Define next steps to improve collaboration and information exchange infrastructure interdependencies and preparedness using Geospatial Information Technology

**Date:** Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (*Optional working session on Tuesday, 9:00am to Noon*)

**Time:** 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Location:** City of Seattle Offices, Room 4080, Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Workshop Agenda**

8:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> – Bob Samborski, Executive Director of GITA
8:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – Representative from the Blue Cascades Exercise
9:00 am	<b>Local and Regional Exercises: Summary of Findings</b> – Overview of results from various area emergency response and CIP exercises (such as Blue Cascades, TOPOFF 2)
9:30 am	<b>GIS and Critical Infrastructure Protection</b> – The Role of GIS for Emergency Management and Critical Infrastructure Protection
10:00 am	<b>GECCo Program</b> - An Overview of GITA's GECCo Program and Findings
11:00 am	<b>Working Session I</b> – Define Collaboration and Data Sharing Challenges
Noon	<b>Lunch</b> (on your own)
1:00 pm	<b>Working Session I</b> – Define Collaboration and Data Sharing Challenges Continued
2:00 pm	<b>Working Session II</b> – Develop Recommendations and Next Steps
4:30 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 15 – Optional Advanced Working Session</b>	
8:30 am to Noon	Join us for a hands-on working session to probe issues from the previous day and further develop a course of action for the Seattle area GECCo community!