ABSTRACTS IN THIS SESSION

Discovering, Developing, and Using Best Practices for GIS Management
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ABSTRACT TEXT: Most organizations and GIS managers face constant challenges and are always seeking ways to improve their GIS programs and management approaches. Best practices provide an opportunity to achieve the most effective results by leveraging approaches used successfully by other organizations. This presentation will define best practices and their characteristics, review the status of GIS management best practices, and provide guidance for finding, evaluating, and using GIS management best practices.

Development of the GIS Management Body of Knowledge
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ABSTRACT TEXT: One of the key goals of URISA’s GIS Management activities is to develop a GIS Management Body of Knowledge (GMBOK) comprising sets of best practices in GIS Management. This collaborative effort will utilize the knowledge and experience of many GIS management practitioners. Plans are to release individual best practices as they are developed, and provide the GMBOK as a living document, improving as the field of GIS management grows.

Overview of the GIS Management Practices Survey
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ABSTRACT TEXT: In conjunction with its initiative to develop a GIS Management Body of Knowledge URISA conducted a survey on GIS Management Practices. This survey gathered information regarding organizations’ GIS management components and practices, as well as innovative approaches they may be taking.

Learning Objectives:
1) Understand best practices and the status of GIS management best practices.
2) Understand the GMI GIS Management Body of Knowledge initiative

Case Studies:
1) Several organization’s published GIS Management best practices
2) Myriad organizations’ (survey respondents’) GIS Management Practices

Skills:
1) How to identify, use, and develop best practices
2) How to participate in the GMBOK development