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WESTERN HOLDS GPS WORKSHOP

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 3, 2005—Missouri Western State University will hold two certified user mapping GPS workshops Dec. 19-21, and Jan. 10-12. The workshop, entitled, “Introduction to Global Positioning Systems for GIS Mapping and Navigation,” lasts three days and is limited to a maximum of 10 participants to ensure quality and personal attention.

The deadline to enroll in the class beginning Dec. 19 is Dec. 9. The deadline to enroll in the Jan. 10-12 class is Dec. 22.

The course is an introduction to mapping GPS and no prior experience in GPS is required. Students will train on Trimble Geo CE-XT mobile GIS GPS with Terrasync Pro. Students will learn to use bluetooth wireless communication, WAAS real-time differential and Coast Guard Beacon real-time differential. Dr. Cary Chevalier, associate professor of biology and an experienced manufacturer-certified GPS trainer, teaches the course.

“This type of technology is very multidimensional,” Dr. Chevalier said. “Virtually every discipline deals with geospatial information in one form or another. I have trained folks from wide backgrounds including law enforcement, utility companies, construction and FBI; and professors, graduate students, and researchers in zoos.”

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For details on course content and for instructions on how to register visit <http://www.wi.missouriwestern.edu/Seminars/GPS/index.html> or contact the Western Institute at 816-271-4100.

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