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WESTERN HOLDS GIS AND GPS WORKSHOPS

St. Joseph, Mo. —April 14, 2006—Missouri Western State University will hold a user mapping GPS workshop and a GIS workshop. “Introduction to ArcGIS I” will be held May 15-16 and is limited to 20 participants. “Introduction to Global Positioning Systems for Mapping and Navigation” will be held May 17-19 and is limited to 10 participants. The registration deadline for the ArcGIS workshop is May 1 and the GPS workshop deadline is May 3.

“Introduction to ArcGIS I” requires no prior experience in GIS and covers fundamental GIS concepts as well as how to create, edit, and work with georeferenced spatial data. Attendees will learn how to manipulate data, work within a database, and present data clearly and efficiently using maps and charts. Tony Spicci, GIS coordinator for the Missouri Department of Conservation, will teach the course.

“Introduction to Global Positioning Systems for Mapping and Navigation” is an introduction to mapping GPS. 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.”

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

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