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WESTERN HOLDS GPS WORKSHOP

St. Joseph, Mo. —July 26, 2005— Missouri Western State College will hold the final two certified user mapping GPS workshops Aug. 17-19, and Aug. 22-24. 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 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, is an experienced manufacturer-certified GPS trainer. He 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.mwsc.edu/conteduc/gps.html> or contact the Western Institute at 816-271-4100.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.