**CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DUE March 26, 2012**

K-12 Educational GIS Applications
$1,000 Grant Award

The Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals (MAGIP) is announcing a request for proposals for a $1,000 grant to support the development and use of geospatial technologies in the K-12 classroom to include curriculum development, training, and equipment that will enhance geospatial instruction. This grant has historically been awarded exclusively for the development of curricula to bring Geographic Information Systems (GIS) into the classroom. However, in light of the successful projects we have sponsored in the past, MAGIP has expanded the range of qualified grant uses to encourage further integration of GIS in the K-12 classroom.

The grant will be awarded on a competitive basis by the Board of Directors of MAGIP. One of the primary missions of MAGIP is geospatial education, and the Association represents GIS professionals throughout Montana. Every other year MAGIP hosts the Intermountain GIS Conference, which attracts over 400 professionals.

**ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS**

Anyone in Montana is eligible and encouraged to apply. We strongly encourage teachers, retired educators or students, with sponsored and involved teacher participation, to submit a proposal.

**The proposed use must fit within the following scope:** The proposed educational application must contribute to furthering the use of GIS in the K-12 classroom. Appropriate proposals may include, but are not limited to: curriculum development, tools for geospatial applications, or geospatial training opportunities that will enhance the applicant’s ability to deliver quality geospatial training to K-12 students.

An advisory committee will be appointed by the MAGIP Board to assist the successful grantee(s) and review progress. This committee can direct the grantee to GIS resources such as GIS professionals in their community that can offer assistance.

**DEADLINES**

Proposals must be no longer than 5 pages. Single page letters of support may be attached to the proposal, and will not count as part of the proposal page limit. Proposals are due March 26, 2012. Send one original hardcopy, and one digital copy via email to the following address:

MAGIP K-12 GIS Grant

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**EVALUATION PROCESS**

Funding for the MAGIP Grant Award for K-12 GIS Educational Applications is competitive. The MAGIP Educational Grant Subcommittee will evaluate the proposals and select the finalist. The Subcommittee will consider the following evaluation factors:

1. Completeness and clarity of the project proposal
2. Relevance of the proposal to the objectives defined in the call for proposals
3. Knowledge and technical experience of the project leader(s) in their ability to carry out the project
4. Quality of proposed project and probability of success
5. Efficiency and cost effectiveness

The selected proposal will be announced by April 30, 2012. The grantee has one year from award to complete the project. The grant funds will be distributed according to the grant activities. The Education Committee will confer with the grantee to review progress, and, if necessary, provide the recipient with geospatial assistance. Accredited teachers may choose to use a portion of the funds to cover tuition costs if the primary purpose of the credits is directed toward completion of the project.

**GRANT FORMAT**

(Please limit proposal to 5 pages or less)

**Introduction:** A brief description of the objectives and scope of the proposal.

**Justification:** Why you are interested in receiving the grant.

**Objectives:** A clear, complete and logically arranged statement of the specific results to be achieved by the project.

**Procedure:** A statement of the work plan and methods to be used in attaining each of the stated objectives. Phases of the work should be designated. Location of the work and facilities and equipment needed and available should be indicated.

**Timeline (between May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013):** A statement of the start and end dates of the project, and identification of appropriate milestones.

**Personnel:** Identify the primary individual(s) proposed to complete the project. A short narrative description of qualifications would be appropriate. Identify the primary contact person for the project, and provide complete contact information for this individual.

**Cooperation and Resources:** A statement listing any other individuals, institutions or agencies expected to cooperate formally or informally on the project.

**Budget:** Proposed budgets should detail costs and include the following categories when applicable: salaries, equipment, supplies, travel, communications, and contractual arrangements.