



**October 2nd & 3rd
Northern Quest Resort – Spokane, Wa**

Building a Successful Project with a Little Help from Your Friends.

2012 Washington State Tribal – State Transportation Conference

Spokane, WA ~ October 2-3, 2012

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Call for Presentations/Topics

Join us at our biennial conference where tribal, state and federal transportation officials will discuss and learn about transportation issues within Washington State. Our conference will explore a range of transportation topics including planning, safety, transit, cultural and natural resources management and workforce development. To help us develop an exciting, motivating and informative program for the Conference, we invite you to submit ideas for presentations in support of the conference's theme. We expect to offer approximately 20 panel sessions, each session lasting from 30 – 60 minutes, with variable individual presentation times. Proposals are due by May 18, 2012.

The Selection Committee is particularly interested with presentations that introduce successful projects, best practices, convey useful strategies, identify lessons learned, and strengthen professional partnerships. Potential topics for presentations include, but are not limited to, the general topic areas described below.

Submissions

The Selection Committee looks forward to receiving your ideas. Due to the large number of proposals expected, we will not be able to accept every proposal, and we may combine individual proposals with similar topics to create a Panel Session. If you know of someone who would complement your proposal, please forward this call for proposals onto them.

We anticipate a large number of presenters, so we hope you understand that we are unable to cover expenses, so speakers are expected to pay the Conference registration fee and travel expenses. We try very hard with everyone's current budget situation to keep the registration rates as low as we possibly can for all.

To submit a proposal, please refer to the submission instructions below. ***Proposals are due by May 18, 2012***

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following information for your proposal by May 18, 2012. Please limit your response to items 1 through 5 to a single page, left justified, 11 point font minimum:

1. Proposed Title of Presentation (think creatively).
2. Describe the presentation and its purpose.
3. What benefits do you expect that attendees will gain from your presentation?
4. How will your proposed session relate or contribute to the Conference theme: "Building a Successful Project, With a Little Help from Your Friends."
5. Please list your anticipated speaker(s), along with their title and affiliation/organization (speaker(s) can be changed later).
6. What is your contact information? Please provide the following:
 - a. Name
 - b. Title
 - c. Affiliation/Organization
 - d. Address
 - e. Phone Number
 - f. Fax Number
 - g. Email Address
 - h. Website Address (if applicable for your topic or organization)

** If proposing a Panel Presentation, please provide the same contact information for each speaker and the moderator.*

7. Please list any anticipated A/V equipment needs.

In order to expedite the presentation review process, we require that all proposals be submitted electronically (email or CD). If possible, save the document in Adobe PDF (PDF) or Microsoft Word (doc) and scan for viruses prior to submission. Applicants are welcome to submit up to three additional attachments (documents, photos, brochures, publications, videos, etc.) that help to further describe or clarify the topic/presentation, but they must be submitted with the proposal. Due to size limitations with our email system, we cannot accept emails that are over 10 mb in size, so if your submittal is larger you will need to submit by CD.

Deadline for submitting proposals is May 18, 2012

Presentation Topics to Consider-(other topic ideas welcome)

We are seeking proposals on a broad range of topics including but not limited to:

- Planning
- Safety
- Transit
- Intergovernmental relationships and partnership opportunities
- Cultural resources
- Natural resources
- Workforce development and TERO
- Livability and sustainability
- Funding programs (federal, tribal, state, local)
- Tourism and Scenic Byways
- Infrastructure improvements for economic development
- Authorization of the Federal Surface Transportation Act
- Procurement
- Innovation

To submit by email, send your proposal and any electronic attachments in the same email:

Hickse@wsdot.wa.gov (Please type “2012 T-S Conf Proposal” in the subject line.)

To submit by disk, mail your proposal on disk and any hardcopy attachments in the same envelope, which must be postmarked by the deadline, to:

MAILING and SHIPPING ADDRESS:

Elissa Hicks, Washington State Department of Transportation, 310 Maple Park Ave, Olympia, WA, 98501

For questions regarding the program or submitting proposals, please contact: Elissa Hicks, Washington State Department of Transportation, 310 Maple Park Ave, Olympia, WA, 98504 – HicksE@wsdot.wa.gov or (360) 705-7026.

The Selection Committee will review all submissions and contact session coordinators and presenters no later than June 29, 2012.

Registration and Accommodations

Online registration will be available in the near future. But to help you plan now, the cost of the Conference will be approximately \$100 for early registration. Lodging at the [Northern Quest Resort](#) starts at \$88 plus tax (a limited number of rooms will be available at the prevailing government per diem rate, but you must make your own reservations early).

Look for future announcements, registration or to learn more about the 2012 Washington State Tribal – State Transportation Conference on the Washington State Department of Transportation’s Tribal Liaison website (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/tribal>) or contact the office at (360) 705-7026 or by email at HicksE@wsdot.wa.gov.