

Ohio URISA GIS Conference *Interactive Map Gallery*

September 11 - 13, 2013



Rules and Guidelines



Rules

- **Each participant will be limited to one interactive map entry.** If you have additional interactive maps, you may submit them but only the first map received from you will be judged. Subsequent maps will be displayed as space allows but will not be judged. .
- **Uniform Resource Locator's (URL, World Wide Web address) must be submitted with the entry form for the interactive map.** This will allow for preliminary judging, while final judging will occur during the conference. Images will be used during the awards presentations and will be posted on the OGRIP website (with permission). Interactive maps will not be made available for People's Choice Awards and will only be judged by the panel.
- **Entry form** must be received by **Midnight Wednesday, August 28th, 2013** in order for your interactive map to be judged. Please see instructions on entry form.
- Interactive maps may have multiple authors/developers but **at least one must be a paid conference attendee.**
- **All map entrants shall sign-in as a registered attendee by 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 12th. A sign-in sheet will be posted in the Map Gallery.**
- Authors/developers named on the entry form will be eligible for an award.
- Please note that this is an **Interactive Map Gallery** competition, not intended for promotional materials. Although overall interactive maps and websites can contain text, photos, tables, charts and other graphics, the interactive map should be the primary focus. The purpose of the interactive map should be apparent without reading excessive amounts of text. Websites featuring GIS applications that do not focus on the interactive map should be submitted for an OGRIP Best Practices Award. More information is available at <http://ogrip.oit.ohio.gov/Coordination/BestPracticesAward.aspx>.
- Map Gallery Committee has final say about eligibility of interactive maps considered for competition and adherence to these rules.

Guidelines

This competition is designed to recognize excellence in blending interactive map cartography and web programming. Maps that communicate a story or message and offer tools that utilize unique and different opportunities for geovisualization are encouraged.

- Conference attendees are encouraged to submit interactive maps made in the course of their daily jobs
- Group projects are accepted but may not include more than 4 contributors in the project.
- Cartographic work must be the original work of the entrant. The use of third party applications and technology is permitted with appropriate citation.
- All datasets utilized in the interactive map must be cited.

- URL's and interactive maps must be publicly accessible
- URL's and interactive maps must be active between the dates from submission through the closing of the conference.
- By completing an Entry Form for the Interactive Map Gallery, you are not registering for the Ohio GIS Conference. **You will need to register for the conference separately.**
- By submitting your interactive map in the conference competition, you earn Contribution point(s) toward your GISP (re)certification.
- Interactive Maps will be judged on the following criteria:
 - CONCEPT AND ORIGINALITY:
 - This criterion considers how innovative the map is. How much of the work is borrowed from the work of others? Are there many maps just like it?
 - CARTOGRAPHIC DESIGN:
 - This criterion considers artistic merit, cartographic presentation, clarity of communication, and the quality of graphic composition.
 - INTERFACE DESIGN:
 - This criterion assesses the design and functionality of the Graphical User Interface (GUI), and how well it works for the intended audience.
 - RELIABILITY/COMPATABILITY:
 - This criterion considers the reliability and compatibility of the map for its intended platform (e.g. mobile device).
 - GROUP SIZE: This criterion considers the quality of the map with respect to the number of collaborators who worked together to create it.

Judging Standards

- Judges will use the current versions of Firefox, Internet Explorer, or Chrome with a true color monitor with a resolution of at least 1280 x 800.
- Judges will be solicited from the membership of the Ohio Chapter of URISA. A panel of at least three judges will evaluate each map.
- Initial judging typically occurs just after the entry is received. Final judging of the best interactive maps is done during the week of the Conference.
- The winners will be announced at the conference luncheon banquet, including screenshots depicting the prize-worthy maps.
- ***Because of time constraints at the conference, ribbons only may be presented to the winners. Your certificates will be emailed to you post-conference if this is necessary.***

For questions, contact the Map Gallery Committee via OhioMapGallery@gmail.com