

UCGIS HUD Symposium Rescheduled

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The second symposium for the Urban Indicators Grant was to be held in Washington DC in late September. Due to the tragic events of September 11th, the symposium was postponed until January 9-11, 2002. The symposium will be held in New York City.

Each of the participating and their partners will be represented at the meeting. The partners form an advisory committee to ensure that local concerns and issues are addressed in the data collection and training materials.

One focus of the symposium is coordinating the dissemination of web-based training materials that each university has created. In addition, invited guests from the United Nations, the World Bank and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will speak.

This year's project is a proof-of-concept. A portion of the program will be on follow-on funding. UCGIS is encouraging member institutions interested in participating in the program next year to attend the symposium. Although follow-up funding has not yet been approved, we hope to have a commitment by the January meeting.

UCGIS universities currently participating are:

- University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Emily Talen, PI, Faranak Miraftab, Lewis Hopkins, Zorica Nedovic-Budic, Co-PIs
- University of Iowa, Gerard Rushton, Michael McNulty, PIs
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Robert D. Rugg, Weiping Wu, and John Accordino, PIs
- University of West Virginia, Calvin Masilela, PI, G. Elmes, Ge Lin, D. Weiner, co-PIs
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, William Huxhold, PI, Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Cheryl Ajitotutu, Jochen Albrecht, co-PIs

More information on the symposium can be found at <http://hud.ucgis2.org/>. For more information on the project, contact Dr. Kenneth Dueker, UCGIS Project Manager at duekerk@pdx.edu.