

FOSS4G 2011

Denver, Colorado - 12-16 September

Letter of Invitation from the Conference Chair

In September 2011 another incredible meeting of the mind is scheduled to take place in the shadows of the Rocky Mountains. Leaders, thinkers and doers in Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) will converge on Denver, Colorado for a week of workshops, presentations, tutorials and plenty of networking.

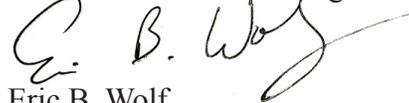
Denver is the hub of the Colorado Front Range. An area running parallel to the 14,000 foot (4200m) peaks of the Rocky Mountains, extending from Pueblo in south to Cheyenne in the north (about the same distance as London to Paris) with a combined population of approximately 5.5 million people. One usually doesn't think of Colorado geospatial companies MapQuest and DigitalGlobe as *young*. But the Colorado Front Range has a history measured in decades of traditional mapping activities with the US Geological Survey's Central Region Mapping Center and aviation pioneer, Jeppesen. Intermingled with this established base of what could be called *old school* geospatial, the are startups like SimpleGeo and BrightKite.

We have put together a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) which represents a balanced mix of seasoned GIS professionals, respected academics, talented developers and government representatives. However, *local* may not best describe this committee which is made of individuals not just from Colorado but also throughout North America. Our intent is to make FOSS4G 2011 not just an event for Colorado or the United States, but inclusive of the Canadian and Latin American FOSS communities. We have chosen to partner with the Geospatial Information Technology Association (GITA) to act as our conference organizer. This partnership will help provide the most professional presentation of your sponsorship.

FOSS4G is traditionally an international conference and 2011 is already on target to be most widely attended conference in the series. Not only have we secured a great venue in an incredible city, but the LOC has worked hard to get registration costs almost as low as they were in 2007. The LOC will be making specific efforts to encourage participation from the local area and throughout the world.

Your sponsorship of FOSS4G 2011 will help the LOC provide a fantastic experience for all attendees as well as provide your organization with front-line exposure to a key part of a rapidly growing industry.

We look forward to seeing in Denver next year!



Eric B. Wolf

FOSS4G 2011 Conference Chair

Sponsorship at a Glance

Premier Sponsor	US\$50,000
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Gold Sponsor	US\$25,000
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More specific sponsorship opportunities and benefits of these sponsor levels will be detailed in the full sponsorship prospectus.

P.S. A full sponsorship prospectus detailing the benefits to you will be available shortly after FOSS4G 2010. We will extend a 10% discount to sponsors who commit by the end of 2010.

¡Nos vemos en Denver!