

Greetings,

New York City has become a national center for many types of geospatially related jobs with organizations ranging from private firms to government agencies and non-profits. Each has found a need for employees with GIS skills and many wish to take advantage of NYC's rich assortment of open, geo-enabled datasets. Some organizations have one or two geospatially knowledgeable employees while others might have substantial GIS units of ten or more professionals. Another category of employer might have no current GIS employees but recognizes that having such expertise could be potentially useful.

At the same time, NYC colleges and universities including Hunter College, Lehman College, NYU, Columbia, the New School, Pratt Institute and Bronx Community College offer students courses and advanced degrees in geography and GIS.

<u>GISMO</u>, New York City's GIS organization, now with more than 400 members, sees a continued opportunity to match the growing need for GIS workers with the increasing number GIS students and graduates trained at New York schools. We will be holding our second annual GIS Job & Career Fair at which employers looking to recruit GIS trained personnel for full time and part time positions and for internships, can meet with job seekers. Current GIS professionals seeking new opportunities will also be invited to attend.

Last years Job Fair brought together more than fifteen employers and over 125 job seekers with GIS credentials. This year we expect to do even better.



GISMO cordially invites your organization to participate in the **Job Fair** on **Wednesday**, **November 14, 2018** to be held at the **Hunter College on the southwest corner of East 68th Street and Lexington Avenue** from 1 **to 5 PM**. The Job Fair would work like this: Employers hiring or thinking about hiring will be assigned to tables set up around a central area. They can decorate those tables with banners and brochures. Job seekers will visit the booths, submit resumes if interested, and listen to representatives speak about their organization. Follow up is up to employers and job seekers.

The GISMO Jobs Fair is being held in association with the American Geographical Society's 2050 Symposium on November 15th and 16th. We encourage AGS Symposium attendees to reserve a table and meet our job seekers on the day before the Symposium.

If you would like to secure a table at the Job Fair, please complete our online **Exhibitor Registration Form** at **http://tinyurl.com/GISjobfair** by **October 15th, 2018**. Space is limited, so hurry to register and secure your booth today!

If you have any questions, email me at gismonyc@gmail.com. Please feel free to forward this letter to other organizations who you believe might be interested in securing GIS staff assistance.

Cost is Free

Best Regards, Alan Leidner

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FAQ: What is a "geospatial" job?

Answer: A geospatial job deals with information about the location of customers, complaints, deliveries, resources, facilities and events. This spatially enabled information is used by many businesses, agencies and other organizations to manage and visualize important aspects of their work.

Spatial analysis is among the most powerful ways of generating business and operational intelligence. People trained in geospatial information systems are skilled at working with this kind of data and can make use of the hundreds of location-enabled data sets made available to the public by New York City government.