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## SSC2007 Map Competition Finalised Conditions of Entry

Recognition of achievement in your industry and profession can provide enduring personal satisfaction as well as the opportunity to enhance your business and professional profile. Importantly, this recognition in turn provides positive feedback to the efforts expended by staff in striving for excellence in their profession and indeed gratification for their endeavours.

The Spatial Sciences Institute is therefore proud to incorporate this Map Competition into SSC2007, and we invite you, your colleagues and your organisations to participate in accordance with the following competition guidelines. The Map Competition is being generously sponsored by Hydro Tasmania's 'Hands On' Energy Discovery Centre.

### Competition Categories

#### Category 1 - General Cartography

Entries submitted under this category will be judged against each other and could be submitted with the following themes:

- **General Purpose Mapping.** National State or Regional Series Mapping to a fixed specification.
- **Thematic Mapping.** Mapping representing a particular theme of information, such as but not limited to park maps, tourist maps, boating charts, environment and heritage.
- **Special Purpose Mapping.** Mapping, other than thematic cartography which is not part of a series with fixed specifications. Includes world, national or regional maps, atlases and charts, globes, models and street or business directories.
- **Student Mapping.** Mapping produced as part of a formal course in the Spatial Sciences. Must be accompanied by certification from a recognised educational institution.
- **Maps in the Media.** Mapping used in television or the mass print media to enhance or illustrate the theme of a report or documentary.
- **Community Services Mapping.** Mapping specifically intended for the benefit of a disadvantaged group in the community, or produced for or by a community services organisation.

#### Category 2 - Geospatial Analysis and Modelling

Entries submitted under this category will be judged against each other and could be submitted with the following themes:

- **Natural Resources and Utilities.** Mapping constructed to assist in the development, management and monitoring of natural resources, and of utilities such as power, water and telecommunications.
- **Commercial Business.** Mapping constructed to assist in the development and management of commercial operations such as banking, tourism and hospitality.
- **Socio-Economic.** Mapping constructed to assist in the development and management of infrastructure such as housing, education and health services.
- **Measurement, Analysis and Modelling.** Applications which involve the measurement and spatial analysis of natural, cultural or legal features in two, three or multi dimensional modes.

The Spatial Sciences Institute takes a broad view of what constitutes geospatial information. In addition to traditional map based information, products such as orthophotomaps, 3D models, holograms, graphical artwork that has been cartographically enhanced, remote sensing media and electronic images all fall within the competition guidelines.

### Eligibility

- The SSC2007 Map Competition is open to individuals (whether employed, self-employed or students), groups of individuals, private companies, government agencies and academic institutions.
- Entries must have been completed during the period 1 January 2005 to 13th April 2007.
- Entries must be accompanied by a statement of design objectives, innovations, major characteristics and production methods.
- Entries can only be entered for one category. The Entrant must nominate the category under which the entry is being submitted. There is no limit on the number of entries a particular entrant may submit. The judging panel reserves the right to judge any entry in the category that the judging panel deems most appropriate.
- Membership of the Spatial Sciences Institute is not a pre-requisite for entry to the competition.

### Entry Details

- The entry fee for the Map Competition is \$50 per map except for student entries, which are free. All entries must be accompanied by the entry fee. **However, the entry fee will not apply to individuals who attend the SSC2007 conference or for companies that send delegates.** To take advantage of this offer you will need to provide details of registered delegates.
- Intending entrants must submit a letter of intent to the Judging Panel by 13th April 2007. The letter of intent should include the entrant's name, address, contact details, the subject of the entry and for which category it is entered.
- Final entries are to be submitted to the Judging Panel by 5.00 pm on 13th April 2007. All entries are to be accompanied with a completed **letter of intent form** (if not already submitted to the SSC2007 Map Competition Coordinator) and the entry fee. Entries not meeting these conditions will not be accepted for judging.

### Special Conditions

- All entrants must submit both a hard copy and electronic example of their entries.
- Computer animations of 3D models submitted as an electronic map must be playable on a standard windows media player. Such entries need to be accompanied with a hardcopy print/poster of the 3D map that can be used for wall display.
- It is requested that hardcopy maps be no larger than A1 to be of a size practical for display. Please seek special permission from the Map Competition Coordinator if submission of larger maps is requested.
- Electronic versions of map entries need to be in a digital format that is recognised by leading desktop publishing software.
- Electronic versions of map entries need to be of adequate resolution to be suitable for inclusion in printed post conference publications if required.
- All entrants must acknowledge that the hard copy examples will be available for display during SSC2007.
- Entries will remain the property of the Spatial Sciences Institute which acknowledges in turn that the entries will only be used for promotional and display purposes.
- Entries will not be returned to entrants unless prior special arrangements are made with the Judging Panel.

### Judging Panel

- Judging will take place by a panel of Spatial Sciences Professionals established by the SSC2007 Organising Committee.
- The Judging Panel's decision will be final and no discussion will be entered into.

**Judging Criteria**

The following criteria will be used to assess the competition entries:

- o The degree to which sound principles of cartographic design have been employed to create a product that effectively communicates Spatial Information to the user.
- o The extent to which the product exhibits an innovative solution to the problem being addressed.
- o The cost effectiveness of the methodologies employed in creating the product.
- o The degree to which the product meets its stated design objectives.
- o The user friendliness of the product.

**Awards**

- o A "Gold" Excellence in Mapping Award will be presented to the winner of each of the two categories.
- o A "Silver" Excellence in Mapping Award will be presented to the runner up in each of the two categories
- o An overall "Platinum" Award for Best Map Product will be presented to the entry adjudged best across both categories
- o Highly Commended Awards may also be presented.
- o **Awards will be presented to the winners at the SSC2007 gala dinner on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007.**

**Payment Details**

The entry fee for the Map Competition is \$50 per map and can be paid via the following options:

*Cheque enclosed for \$.....*  
[payable to SSI Ltd – Tas, **ABN 73 101 248 435**]

*Credit Card Total \$.....*


**Card Type: Bankcard** \_\_\_ **Visa** \_\_\_ **MasterCard** \_\_\_

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Post to: SSI, Tasmanian Region, GPO Box 1194, Hobart Tasmania 7001

If a receipt is required please tick here 

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**Postal Details**

Hardcopy and electronic versions of map entries together with entry payments can be hand delivered to Spatial Sciences Institute Offices, Level 2, 24 Murray Street, Hobart or sent to the following postal address

Map Competition Coordinator  
Spatial Sciences Institute  
Tasmanian Region  
GPO Box 1194  
Hobart Tas 7001  
Fax 03 6224 9700

**Competition Enquiries**

Competition enquiries can be directed to the SSC2007 Map Competition Coordinator (see contact details below).

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