

Call for Papers

9th International Digital Government Research Conference (dg.o 2008)

“Partnerships for Public Innovation”

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The 9th annual dg.o international conference is a forum for presentation and discussion of interdisciplinary digital government research and practice and its applications in diverse domains. The conference is presented by the [Digital Government Society of North America](#) (DGSNA), with major support from the US National Science Foundation.

The conference theme “*Partnerships for Public Innovation*” focuses on information-intensive innovations in the public sector that involve linkages among government, universities, NGOs, and businesses. This theme emphasizes the importance of sharing practical issues, policy perspectives, research insights, and expert advice, in order to reach higher levels of performance in diverse public enterprises. Each year the conference combines:

- Presentations of effective partnerships among government professionals, university researchers, relevant businesses, and NGOs, as well as grassroots citizen groups, to advance the practice of digital government.
- Research on digital government as an interdisciplinary domain that lies at the intersections of computing research, social and behavioral science research, and the problems and missions of government.

Interested participants are invited to submit management or policy papers, research papers, or student research papers, as well as proposals for panels; industry, government, and research prototype demonstrations; posters, Birds-of-a-Feather discussions, and pre-conference tutorials and workshops. The Conference Committee particularly encourages submissions on interdisciplinary and crosscutting topics addressing broad government challenges. Topics include, but are not limited, to the following:

- **Digital Government Application Domains:** such as courts, crisis management, education, emergency response; international initiatives and cooperation, health and human services, law enforcement and criminal justice; legislative systems, natural resources management, grants administration, government statistics, regulation and rulemaking; security; tax administration; transportation systems, and urban planning.
- **IT-enabled Government Management and Operations:** such as digital government organization and management strategies, decision-making processes; information technology adoption and diffusion; program planning; IT and service architectures, cross-boundary information sharing and integration, long-term preservation and archiving of government information, information assurance, service integration, as well as technology transition and transfer.

- **Information Values and Policies:** such as accessibility, digital democracy and governance, digital divide, openness, privacy, public participation in democratic processes, security, transparency, trust, and universal access to information and services.
- **Information Technology and Tools to Support Government:** such as collaboration tools; cyberinfrastructure for digital government domains; digital libraries and knowledge management; geographic information systems; grid computing; human-computer interaction; information integration; interoperable data, networks and architectures; large scale data and information acquisition and management; mobile government; national and international infrastructures for information and communication, multiple modalities and multimedia; service-oriented architectures; semantic web; social networking, software engineering for large-scale government projects.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 1, 2007** – Conference submission website becomes available. The submission site is located at: <http://www.easychair.org/dgo2008/>.
- **December 1, 2007** – Submission deadline for all papers and panel sessions, as well as pre-conference tutorials and workshops.
- **February 1, 2008** – Acceptance notifications for all papers and panel sessions, as well as pre-conference tutorials and workshops.
- **February 15, 2008** - Submission deadline for Birds-of-a-Feather (BOF) sessions, posters, and system demonstrations.
- **March 1, 2008** – Acceptance notification for posters, system demonstrations, and BOF sessions.
- **March 15, 2008** – All camera ready versions are due.

SUBMISSIONS TYPES AND FORMATS

- Research Papers (maximum of 10 pages)
- Management, Case Study, or Policy Papers (maximum of 10 pages)
- Student Research Papers (maximum of 10 pages)
- Panels (maximum of 5 pages)
- Posters (maximum of 2 pages)
- System Demonstrations (maximum of 2 pages)
- Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions (maximum of 2 pages)
- Pre-conference Tutorials (maximum of 2 pages)
- Pre-conference Workshops (maximum of 2 pages)

Submissions must not exceed the maximum number of pages specified for each type of submission. Please use no page numbers. Paper titles should be incorporated onto the first page of text, rather than on a separate cover page. Papers will be reviewed through a double blind review process. Therefore, author names and contact information must be omitted from all submissions. Authors must identify the topic(s) being addressed by the paper to assist the program committee in the review process.

Research papers (maximum 10 pages)

These submissions report innovative digital government research results in the form of a formal scholarly paper. Papers on any digital government topic and all research methodologies are welcome. Relevance to digital government problems, goals, or policies must be explicit. Submissions should be in camera-ready format - following the format [requirements of the Association for Computing Machinery](#) (ACM) Proceedings. Submissions should not include authors' names and contact information.

Management, case study, or policy papers (maximum 10 pages)

These submissions describe and evaluate practical digital government projects or initiatives, discuss major policy themes, or present and evaluate management approaches to digital government initiatives and programs. Papers in this section will also be double blind reviewed, with special focus on relevance to practice, transferability, and lessons learned. Submissions should be in camera-ready format - following the format [requirements of the Association for Computing Machinery](#) (ACM) Proceedings. Submissions should not include authors' names and contact information.

Student research papers (maximum 10 pages)

Digital government research papers authored solely by students should be submitted to this track. Student papers will also receive a double blind review organized and administered by the student program committee. Submissions should be in camera-ready format - following the format [requirements of the Association for Computing Machinery](#) (ACM) Proceedings. Submissions should not include authors' names and contact information.

Panels (maximum 5 pages)

Proposals should include the theme and goals of the panel, a summary of the digital government issues or questions that the panel will address, statements about the value of the discussion to conference attendees and how well suited the topic is to a panel discussion. In addition, the proposal should include information about the expertise of the moderator and panelists in the selected issues. Please include names, institutional affiliations, addresses, email, and phone contact numbers of the contact person, moderator, and presenter(s).

Posters (maximum of 2 pages)

The poster session, held in conjunction with the system demonstrations, allows presenters to discuss research in progress, application projects, or government policies and program initiatives in one-to-one conversations with other participants at the conference. The 2-page summaries should outline the nature of the research, policy, or project and describe why the work will be of interest to dg.o attendees. Submissions should be in camera-ready format - following the format [requirements of the Association for Computing Machinery](#) (ACM) Proceedings. Submissions should include authors' names and contact information according to that format. All accepted submissions will appear in the proceedings, and authors are expected to present their work at the poster/demo session at the conference. Posters prepared for the conference should measure approximately 36" x 48." Each poster station is provided a table and an easel. Selected poster submissions may be asked to give an oral presentation in the conference sessions.

System Demonstrations (maximum 2 pages)

System demonstrations are held concurrently with the poster session to the accompaniment of good food and professional fellowship. The 2-page summaries should outline the nature of the system and describe why the demonstration is likely to be of interest to dg.o attendees. Demonstrations of interest include systems under development or in active use in research or

practice domains. Submissions should be in camera-ready format - following the format [requirements of the Association for Computing Machinery](#) (ACM) Proceedings. Submissions should include authors' names and contact information according to that format. All accepted submissions will appear in the proceedings, and authors are expected to present their work at the poster/demo session at the conference. Each station is provided a table, an easel, and Internet access. Monitors will be available for rent. Selected demo submissions may be asked to give an oral presentation in the conference sessions.

Birds-of-a-Feather Discussion Sessions (maximum 2 pages)

Birds-of-a-Feather discussions provide an opportunity for participants to connect around selected topics. Proposals should identify the conveners, the intended participants, and key discussion questions. These conversations generally take place during lunch on one of the conference days.

Pre-conference Tutorials (maximum 5 pages)

dg.o tutorials are half- or full-day presentations offering deeper insight into the scientific and government domains, research topics or methods, technologies or field experience of veteran digital government researchers and practitioners. Each conference registration includes one full-day or two half-day tutorials or workshops.

Pre-conference Research or Management Workshops (maximum 5 pages)

We invite workshop proposals on any digital government research or management topic. Individuals proposing workshops will assume the responsibility of identifying and selecting participants for the workshop and for conducting workshop activities. Each conference registration includes one full-day or two half-day tutorials or workshops.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

All accepted management or policy papers, research papers, student papers, panels, posters, and system demonstrations will be published in the printed proceedings and included in the ACM digital library. Selected papers may be invited for a journal special issue. Outstanding achievement awards will be presented in the categories research papers, management and policy papers, posters, and systems demonstrations. In addition, to reflect the theme of the conference, we plan to select an outstanding cross-boundary partnership. Selection criteria include the interdisciplinary and innovative nature of the work, its contribution to and balance between theory (rigor) and practice (relevance), the importance and reach of the topic, and the quality of the writing for communicating to a broad audience.

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