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Call for bid of the 7th International Symposium on Digital Earth, 2011

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The International Symposium on Digital Earth (ISDE) is an important academic platform of the International Society for Digital Earth, which is a series International Event on Digital Earth, starting in Beijing, China from 1999, and then according to Beijing Declaration on Digital Earth with success follow up in New Brunswick, Canada (2001); Brno, Czech Republic (2003); Tokyo, Japan (2005); Berkeley, USA (2007). The 6th ISDE will be held in Beijing from September 9-12, 2009 (www.isde6.org), which has now attracted about 1000 abstracts, several big companies in geospatial information, and a number of exhibitors, implying another successful International Symposium on Digital Earth.

In view of the growing interests among digital earth community to invite the symposium and of the sustaining continuation of the series of International Symposium on Digital Earth, the International Society for Digital Earth here announces a public call for a bid to host the 7th ISDE in 2011. All interesting organizations with intention to hold the 7th ISDE should submit their bid proposals to the ISDE secretariat with an email to wcl@ceode.ac.cn no later than August 15, 2009. The formal application for hosting the 7th ISDE should be made at the Executive Committee meeting of the International Society for Digital Earth during the 6th ISDE in Beijing.

Digital Earth is a virtual representation of our planet. In the past ten years, we have seen the growing technological advancement of digital earth, and also the in-depth understanding to the concept and framework of digital earth. We expect the follow up International Symposium on Digital Earth will continue the tradition of the symposium series inviting world-class scientists, decision-makers, engineers and educators to review the achievements as well as look ahead of the development of digital earth and relevant fields, including geospatial information science in relation to earth system sciences, advanced earth observing system, virtual reality and

visualization, high-performance computation and simulation, integrated geo-informatics technology, spatial data analysis and management and so on. The purpose of holding the subsequence symposium is to promote international cooperation on Digital Earth, and enable Digital Earth technologies to play key roles in, *inter alia*, economic and socially-sustainable development, as well as in improving our better understanding to the planet earth and our living styles.

The bid should

- provide names of main organiser and tentative (around three definite) members of local committee
- give information about approximate time and place, and some info about the pros and cons of choice of time/place, activities of organizing international conferences in the past.
- provide information about the number of participants expected, and highlighting any special attractions to hold the ISDE7 in your country.

and

- give some information about financial arrangements, such as registration fees, exhibitors, sponsors.

The bid should be sent to

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