The countryside in the heart of Minnesota is a storybook scene of crystal lakes, wooded hills and a patchwork quilt of farmland leading to Saint Cloud. This bustling small city has long served as the transportation and commercial hub of central Minnesota. As early as the 1840’s, Saint Cloud was a way station on the Middle and Woods branches of the Red River Trails. Today, the city boasts multiple freeway and highway roadways as well as passenger and freight rail within its limits – perfect for showcasing the 2013 National Rural ITS Conference theme “Footpaths to Intelligent Highways”.

Invitation to Submit an Abstract

The 2013 National Rural ITS Conference Planning committee would like to invite you to submit an abstract for presentation at the Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota. All abstracts must be received by Friday, February 1, 2013 and authors should take care to ensure that abstracts submitted follow the guidelines. Questions can be directed to Meetings Northwest at 866-633-8110.

Online Submittal

Authors can submit their abstracts online by going to http://www.nritsconference.org/2013abstracts.html.

Email Submittal

Authors can also submit their abstracts via email to info@nritsconference.org. Emails must include all of the following elements:

- Abstract title
- Lead author contact information (name, organization, address, phone number, fax number, and email address)
- Supporting author(s) name(s) and email addresses, if any
- Topic area
- Abstract text (750 word maximum)

Abstracts are encouraged to fall into one of the following topic areas related to Rural ITS, but abstracts outside these areas will also be considered:

- Asset Management
- ATIS: Traveler Information
- City and County Rural ITS
- Connected Vehicles
- Emergency Response
- ITS Funding
- ITS Leadership
- ITS Performance Measures
- Lessons Learned: Responding to Natural Disasters
- Multi-Agency Collaboration: Success Stories
- Multimodal
- Operations and Maintenance
- Rural ITS Safety Initiatives
- Rural Traffic Management
- TIMS
- Transit Applications