



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### WESTERN STATES REGIONAL CONFERENCE

September 20-22, 2018 – Ogden, Utah

**Proposal Deadline ~~March 31, 2018~~ April 14, 2018**

The INCOSE western regional chapters will host the Western States Regional Conference (WSRC) of the International Council on System Engineering (INCOSE) on Thursday through Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, at the Orbital ATK Conference Center located in scenic Ogden Canyon in Utah (42 miles or 50 minutes from Salt Lake International Airport).

The WSRC Program Committee invites you to improve the theory and practice of Systems Engineering by submitting a proposal for a presentation, panel discussion, workshop or tutorial on the conference theme:

### SYSTEMS ENGINEERING OUT W.E.S.T.

#### Workplace • Environment • Sustainment • Technology

WSRC will feature keynote presentations from SE thought leaders, presentation from SE practitioners and academia, panels on important SE topics, and world-class tutorials from SE experts. WSRC will also feature an INCOSE SE Professional Development Day (SE-PDD), a virtual extension of the conference, with featured sessions broadcast to several satellite sites. Some accepted submittals may be invited to participate in the SE-PDD track.

Proposals for **presentations** of half-hour length are sought that will help improve systems engineering. Format for this conference is presentation only, no papers.

Proposals for **panel discussions** are sought on significant or controversial subjects in systems engineering, about which different points of view are held. Proposals for panel discussions should nominate knowledgeable, eloquent, polite members who can forcefully and succinctly advocate different positions on the panel topic.

Proposals for **workshops** or **tutorials** (half- or full-day) are sought that will teach systems engineering skills, tools, techniques, and knowledge. Proposals for tutorials should include a course outline and specify what will be gained by those attending.

#### Suitable Topics

- Development of Resilient and Sustainable Systems
- System-of-Systems Resiliency
- Security (cyber, physical, workplace, etc.)
- Agile Systems Engineering
- Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)
- Systems engineering across the enterprise
- Cross-Industry Systems Engineering Interaction
- Requirements Management
- Risk Management
- Systems thinking
- Validation and Verification
- Other concepts and processes that fit the Conference Theme.

## Submission Guidelines

All proposals will be submitted through the WSRC EasyChair website <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=wsrc2018>, and must include:

- Title
- Abstract which clearly and concisely describes the subject (500-word limit). Abstracts should summarize the proposed presentation perspicuously to entice conference participants to attend and provide enough detail for evaluation
- Presenter's or instructor's name, affiliation, contact information, and brief biography
- Additional presenters or instructors, if any
- For panels: why the topic is relevant; nominations for panel participants, summary of position statements
- For workshops or tutorials: Benefit for tutorial attendees; top-level learning objectives; tutorial outline; proposed duration (half- or full-day). 1000-word limit.
- Presentation/tutorial/panel content will be submitted after proposals have been accepted

Each accepted submittal will receive one \$50 registration discount. At least one presenter/instructor and the panel chair and all panelists must register for the conference and pay the applicable registration fee.

Presenters grant INCOSE the right to record, publish, and distribute their presentations, including audio, video, and slide-show content, unless expressly denied in writing. The INCOSE IP release form is available on the WSRC website.

## Important WSRC Proposal Dates

23 February 2018	Call for proposals opens
<del>31 Mar</del> 14 April 2018	Call for proposals closes
30 April 2018	Proposal notifications – Accept or Reject
26 May 2018	Deadline to submit presentations for review
9 June 2018	Presentation feedback provided
30 June 2018	Final presentation submittal deadline
20-22 September 2018	WSRC

## Session Duration

Time your presentation for delivery in 30 minutes or less. Session Chairs will not permit overruns.

## Clearances

Authors and presenters must obtain all necessary authorizations and clearances from their organizations, prior to the start of the conference. Presentations shall be unclassified and cleared for release to the public.

## Questions?

Please contact: Paul White, WSRC Chair, at [paul.white@kihomac.com](mailto:paul.white@kihomac.com) or Michael Leith, WSRC Technical Program Subcommittee Chair, at [Michael.Leith@gd-ms.com](mailto:Michael.Leith@gd-ms.com)

## WSRC Website

<https://incose-wsrc.eventbrite.com>