

## Bay Area GECCo Workshop Registration Now Open!

Geospatial practitioners and infrastructure stakeholders in the greater Bay Area of San Francisco and Oakland are invited to indicate interest in participating in the upcoming Geospatially Enabling Community Collaboration (GECCo) Workshop conducted by GITA in conjunction with the US Department of Homeland Security.

The Bay Area GECCo is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27 at the offices of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, located at **375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, California**.

An informational website has been set up to manage event attendance:

<https://sites.google.com/site/bagecco/>. You will find a GECCo program agenda, registration information, and additional information about the objectives and purpose of the GECCo initiative on this site.

The intent of this workshop is to help local and state critical infrastructure stakeholders and emergency managers develop a framework by which organizations can better collaborate to protect the critical infrastructure of the greater Bay Area.

This workshop is being offered at no cost to participants. Continental breakfasts and lunches will be provided both days. Given the size of the area and diversity and number of potential stakeholder organizations in the area, we anticipate great interest in the Bay Area GECCo workshop. Because the size of the group directly affects the way that the workshop can be managed, please be aware that:

- Total attendance will be limited to a maximum of 100;
- You will need a ticket to confirm your participation – these will be available on a first come first serve basis on the above website.
- Effort will be made to select the most diverse and representative group of attendees possible, with the maximum number of organizations and types represented;
- As in all past GECCo workshops, only user representatives are eligible to participate – this includes representatives from government agencies, utilities, special districts, first responder organizations, military, academia, etc. Private sector representatives are encouraged to nominate their user clients.

Participants in the workshop will be mid- to senior-level managers from user organizations (government agencies, public and private utilities, telecommunications companies, etc.) with a good understanding of their organization's operations and emergency management functions. They should also have a basic understanding of how GIS and other information technologies can support emergency management and critical infrastructure protection.

Please reserve your place as soon as possible by visiting the [Bay Area GECCo](#) website.

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