

Approval to Attend the 2025 GEOINT Symposium

I am seeking approval to attend the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) **2025 GEOINT Symposium**, scheduled for May 18-21 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The GEOINT Symposium is the largest and most comprehensive geospatial intelligence community event. It brings together experts from government, industry and academia to provide an unparalleled opportunity for professional development, knowledge-sharing, and networking. This year's theme, "GEOINT 2025: Building a Secure Tomorrow Together," emphasizes the collaborative efforts and innovative strategies shaping the future of geospatial intelligence.

Key Benefits to Attendance:

1. Access to Cutting-Edge GEOINT Technologies and Insights

The symposium features a wide range of educational sessions, workshops, and hands-on demonstrations, providing direct access to the latest innovations in geospatial intelligence. Attending these sessions will enhance my understanding of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), sensor advancements, and open-source intelligence (OSINT) that are increasingly integral to national security operations.

2. Professional Development

The event offers specialized training tailored to the evolving needs of the GEOINT community, to include government attendees. By attending, I will gain valuable insights into best practices, tradecraft advancements, and key developments in data analytics, remote sensing, and data visualization. These skills are crucial for improving the accuracy and timeliness of intelligence analysis and operational effectiveness within the agency.

3. Networking and Collaboration Opportunities

The symposium will bring together key leaders from the Intelligence Community (IC), Department of Defense (DoD), and private industry. Engaging with professionals from these sectors will allow for knowledge exchange, collaboration on shared challenges, and identification of new opportunities for interagency cooperation. These interactions will strengthen our department's relationships with industry partners and help foster solutions to our most pressing operational needs.

4. Exposure to Keynote Speakers and Thought Leaders

The event will feature prominent figures such as General Saltzman, VADM Whitworth, and Lt.Gen Kruse, among others. These thought leaders will share critical perspectives on the evolving role of GEOINT in national security and defense strategy. Their insights will inform and enrich our collective understanding of the geopolitical landscape, and the geospatial intelligence challenges we face.

5. Increased Organizational Impact

As part of each individual's role within the agency, I will be responsible for applying insights gained from the symposium to inform decision-making, operational strategies, and workforce development. By attending, I will return with actionable knowledge that can be

directly applied to ongoing and future projects, thereby contributing to the mission and enhancing the effectiveness of my team.

The GEOINT Symposium provides exceptional value given the comprehensive programming and high-level networking opportunities. Attendance will foster interagency collaboration, reduce the need for multiple, smaller engagements, and allow for a deeper understanding of how the geospatial intelligence community is adapting to modern challenges.

The registration fees are structured below. For detailed information, please refer to the [official registration page](#).

Member Rates:

Category	Advanced (Jan 28 - Apr 17)	Regular (Apr 18 - May 21)
Industry	\$1,799	\$1,999
U.S. Government	\$0	\$0
International Government	\$249	\$349
Young Professional	\$499	\$549
Academic/Student	\$499	\$549
Guest	\$249	\$249
One-Day Exhibit Hall Only	\$599	\$649
Additional Booth Staff	\$299	\$349
Training Sessions	\$25	\$25

Non-Member Rates:

Category	Advanced (Jan 28 - Apr 17)	Regular (Apr 18 - May 21)
Industry	\$1,999	\$2,199
U.S. Government	\$0	\$0
International Government	\$249	\$349
Young Professional	\$699	\$749
Academic/Student	\$699	\$749
Guest	\$249	\$249
One-Day Exhibit Hall Only	\$599	\$649
Additional Booth Staff	\$299	\$349
Training Sessions	\$35	\$35

Attendance at the 2025 GEOINT Symposium will enhance my ability to contribute to the department's objectives by expanding knowledge, skills, and professional network. It will directly support our mission, providing valuable insights applicable to our ongoing projects.

Upon return, I will prepare a summary with key takeaways and actionable recommendations to enhance our geospatial intelligence capabilities. I am committed to sharing my learnings with colleagues to maximize the impact of my participation.

Thank you for considering this request.