The contest is designed to encourage university students to develop solutions to current GIS-T issues. Students will be judged on their ability to develop and document useful, original research based on GIS-T issues and to relay their research results in a complete, clear, and well-referenced paper. The winners will present their papers at the 2009 GIS-T symposium.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- The applicant must be a currently enrolled student.
- Only one paper contest entry per student is acceptable.
- Willingness to attend and present at the GIS-T Conference in Oklahoma City, OK on April 6, 2009.
- The final paper or poster must be available electronically to be posted on the GIS-T website.

**Submission Deadline:** December 12, 2008

**Awards:**
We will be giving two graduate awards of $500 plus a round trip ticket (US Continental) to Oklahoma City, OK with two nights stay and one undergraduate award of $250 plus a round trip ticket (US Continental) to Oklahoma City, OK with two nights stay. The winners will also present their paper at the Student Paper session on Monday, April 6th, 2009 and their presentations posted to the GIS-T website.

**Submission Guidelines:**
Found here: http://www.gis-t.org/

**Email Submissions or Questions to:**
Email: cindy.owings@maine.gov
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Papers will be judged by members of the GIS-T Planning Committee and will be rated in the following categories:
- Significance of topic
- Literature review
- Data analyses (if applicable)
- Interpretation
- Clarity of presentation
- Validity of conclusions
- Reader interest

Students will be notified of the contest results via email no later than January 9, 2009.