Summary

A large number of tools and platforms have been developed to support scientific efforts in the Gulf of Mexico. This event will allow tool and application developers time to give hands on demonstration of their products and allow for collaborative discussions among designers and potential users. This event will provide a highly interactive environment where participants learn how to use and apply available applications and services. These tools will include web- and paper-based applications that focus on conference themes and objectives. This event is offered in conjunction with the following sessions: “Tell Your Story: Making your data clear, understandable, and usable,” “Evolution and Development of Spatially Related Response and Restoration Data Collection, Use, and Retrieval Tools,” and “From Databases to End Users – Transforming the myriad of coastal information and data sets into wickedly useful tools.” However, all tools that support GOMRI related work are encouraged to apply.

Interested presenters that would like to showcase/demo a tool or application will need to complete a submission form to register for this event. Presenters of accepted tools will be required to register and pay the conference registration fee.*

All submissions will be reviewed and evaluated by the event organizers, with particular attention paid to: (1) Applicability to conference themes and objectives, (2) Relevant geography (i.e., Gulf of Mexico region), (3) Appropriate audience(s), and (4) Adherence to submission guidelines. Tool demonstrations may not include marketing or advertising propaganda.

The conference will provide a table and access to electricity and WIFI. You may bring your own monitor or rent one through PSAV. Information on monitor rental will be available closer to the conference.

*Registration fee: You will need to register if you plan to attend the full conference. Registration fee information can be found on the conference website. If you are exhibiting, there is no additional cost to participate in the Tools Café.

For questions about the Tools Café, please contact Dave Reed. For questions about the conference or registration, please contact the conference organizers.
Presenter Submission Format Guidelines:

1. Word document, file named with LastName_GOMOSES_Tools_Cafe (Example: Jones_GOMOSES_Tools_Cafe).
2. Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced.
3. Title: The title of the tool should be written title case (not all caps).
4. Type names of presenter(s) in upper/lower case as you would like them to appear in the program.
5. Institution(s) and email: Type all presenters’ institutional affiliations and the e-mail address of the lead presenter only.
6. Web address of the tool (if applicable).
7. Each submission must contain the following sections titled in all caps: INTENDED AUDIENCE -Who was the tool designed for? DESCRIPTION/MAIN USE -Briefly describe the tool, it’s functionality, purpose and the main reason this audience would use this tool; GEOGRAPHY & SCALE -What geographic location is covered by the tool and at what scale?; ACCESSIBILITY -Is this tool available online, in printed form, etc. and how would a user access it?.

Maximum Word Count: 500 Words (Does not include title, presenters/institutions or web address). Submission forms are due to event organizers by January 13th, 2020.

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INTENDED AUDIENCE

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GEOGRAPHY & SCALE

ACCESSIBILITY