The Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop will be held at the Rudder Conference Center on the Texas A&M University campus. You are invited to attend and participate in the discussions of this informal interactive conference. We are encouraging presentations and posters about on-going soil survey and land resource activities. This includes new initiatives, plans, educational/informational efforts, research findings, consultancies, new methods or materials, and other topics that serve to further the development, use, and understanding of soil surveys and closely related information. Emphasis will be given to invited or volunteer presentations, and the number of agency reports will be restricted. Please complete the enclosed Speaker/Poster form and return it to us by December 14, 2012. We will develop the program shortly after this date.

The Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop is also hosting an oral presentation contest for students. This contest was implemented to encourage student participation in the workshop. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ranked presentations will receive a cash award of $300, $200, and $100, respectively. Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to participate. Students and advisors, please review the ranking guidelines to ensure an exceptional oral presentation. An abstract is required for students participating. Please email the abstract in a Microsoft Word document to Lyndsey Owens at laowens@tamu.edu by January 21, 2013.

On-site registration will be in the first floor lobby of Rudder Tower. Your registration fee will cover conference rooms, breaks, and the Thursday evening catered meal. The fee will be charged to all participants including speakers, students, and campus personnel. Please complete the enclosed registration form by January 11, 2013. If you register before January 11, 2013, the fee is $70.00. Thereafter, the fee will be $80.00. Registration for undergraduate and graduate students will be $25.00. Please make checks payable to: Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop.

Parking in the University Center Parking Garage across from Rudder Conference Center is $15.00 per day. Trucks with mounted probes cannot park in the parking garage due to height restrictions. Your registration payment does not include parking. Visitor parking information can be found at http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/visitor.aspx.

We have reserved a limited number of rooms at the special rate of $93/night at the Best Western Premier Atrea at Old Town Center (1920 Austin's Colony Parkway Bryan, TX 77803) under “Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop.” Please call 979-731-5300 to reserve your room. The reservation deadline for this block is January 23, 2013. The hotel will also provide a complimentary shuttle to the conference if needed. Information on additional hotels may be found online at http://www.visitaggieland.com and by clicking on “Accommodations.”

Participants can contact Lyndsey Owens at laowens@tamu.edu around December 23, 2012 to receive a copy of the draft program for the 2013 Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop or pick up a final copy of the program prior to the meeting. The Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop is considered a professional development activity and can be used as a source of PDH for the Texas Board of Professional Geosciences licensure.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Texas Soil Survey program, a State/Federal partnership of the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program.
# Student Oral Presentation Evaluation Form

*Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop - 2013*

Speaker’s Name: ___________________________  Score: ______________

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| Score          | Total Points                                                             | 125             |            |

Abstracts are **REQUIRED** for all student participants.

The abstracts should be typed in a Microsoft Word document and e-mailed to Lyndsey Owens at  laowens@tamu.edu no later than **January 21, 2013**.
REGISTRATION FORM

Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop
February 7 & 8, 2013

Registrations received by January 6, 2013 will be $70.00. Those received after that date will be $80.00. Registration for students and companions are $25.00 each. You may register online at: https://events.tamu.edu/EMSRegics/SoilSurveyandLandResourcesWorkshop2013 or you may forward your registration forms to:

Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop
Attn: Kay Sanders
1232 TAMU
College Station, Texas 77843-1232

Phone: (979) 845-7694
Fax: (979) 845-2519
E-mail: k-sanders@tamu.edu

Checks should be made payable to: Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Fax: _______________________________________________________________________

E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

Registration Fees:

_____ Registration received by January 11, 2013 $70.00 each $ _____________

_____ Registration received after January 11, 2013 $80.00 each $ _____________

_____ Registration for Student $25.00 each $ _____________

TOTAL: $ _____________

***In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, registration fees will be applied to next year’s student award winners***
SPEAKER / POSTER FORM

Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop
February 7 & 8, 2013

Return this form as soon as possible, but no later than December 14, 2012.
**Please Fax or E-mail the form to expedite the process if possible.

Please return to:

Lyndsey Owens
Texas A&M University
2474 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2474
Phone: (979) 845-0884
Fax: (979) 845-0604
E-mail: laowens@tamu.edu

Program Topics:

Proposed topic to be presented at the Soil Survey and Land Resource Workshop, February 7-8, 2013. You are encouraged to volunteer to present or suggest others to address topics of interest.

Presenter: ____________________________________________
Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Is this a student oral presentation? Yes _____ No ______

Comments: (People for discussion, self, other, etc.; also - panel discussion suggestions)
__________________________________________________________________________________________

Type of Presentation:

Oral ____________ (15 minutes)
Poster ____________

Name(s): __________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________ Fax: ______________________

E-mail: ___________________________________________________________

• Please forward all PowerPoint presentations via e-mail to Jason Ackerson at jackerson@ag.tamu.edu no later than January 21, 2013.
• PowerPoint is required for all electronic presentations.
• Abstracts are only required for Student Contestants. The abstracts should be typed in a Microsoft Word document and e-mailed to Lyndsey Owens at laowens@tamu.edu by January 21, 2013.

*If you know of individuals who should also receive this announcement and have not, please send us their names and addresses, and we will add them to the mailing list.