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CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Annual OPEN Fall Conference 2005

“WAYS OF KNOWING: EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE”

Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE MLK Blvd, Portland, Oregon
September 16, 2005

The Oregon Program Evaluators Network (OPEN) seeks presentations for our Annual Fall Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon on Friday, September 16th, 2005. We are looking for a variety of presentation formats and types, ranging from interactive workshops that teach attendees new skills, to paper presentations on evaluation methods, or panel discussions that foster discussion and generate new ideas. Because evaluation is a multidisciplinary field, we encourage submissions from a variety of disciplines and professional settings including social service agencies, academia, independent consultants, government and private industry. We are not looking for project summaries or project reports unless the project utilized a unique or innovative evaluation design.

Our theme this year is “WAYS OF KNOWING: EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE,” focusing on the challenges and opportunities for evaluation given the increased attention on “evidence,” “what we know” and “how we know”. From media buzzwords to governmental legislation, the concepts of evidence-based practice and culturally responsive ways of knowing have brought focus to issues of methodology, evaluation study findings, and the practice and profession of evaluation.

As part of OPEN’s Diversity Initiative, we will be offering a Diversity Strand as part of the conference, which will feature sessions focusing on topics related to various aspects of diversity—cultural, geographical, social, and theoretical. Please indicate whether your proposal should be considered for inclusion in the Diversity Strand.

Proposals should address current issues of compelling interest in the following areas:

- Evaluation of programs in the areas of social welfare, health, education, justice or other areas of public policy and practice;
- Emerging technologies or innovative methods of evaluation practice, analysis, data interpretation or dissemination;
- Exemplary program evaluation practice and evaluation use, particularly those that address urgent public policy issues; and
- Other issues of particular interest to OPEN membership.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
CONFERENCE SESSIONS (1 HOUR EACH): AUGUST 1, 2005

Our full-day conference will be held on Friday, September 16th. Presentation sessions will consist primarily of 60-minute sessions. We offer the following American Evaluation Association (AEA) session types as a guide; however, if you are submitting a session that does not fit any of these descriptions, we welcome your submission as well!

Conference Sessions

- **Skill-building workshops:** A workshop or classroom-style demonstration of a useful skill, technology, technique or tool important to evaluators or users of evaluation. These sessions offer attendees an opportunity to learn and practice as well as offering take-home materials and references to improve evaluation practice and use.
- **Panel discussion:** These two or three person panels will focus on a common issue or theme. Each panelist will speak on the topic, with adequate time provided for audience questions and group discussion. Each session will include a chairperson who acts as timekeeper and facilitator for the discussion; the chairperson must be designated at the time of submission. Submissions should include at least two identified panelists, though individuals with a panel topic but no additional panelists designated may submit their ideas for consideration.
- **Paper presentation:** These sessions will highlight the practice of evaluation, focusing on completed or in-progress evaluation studies or methodological issues that follow a traditional publication format. Papers of a common theme or discipline may be grouped into multipaper sessions with an OPEN chairperson acting as facilitator.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS OF PRESENTATIONS

The Conference Sessions are **due Monday, August 1st**. Please respond using the Presenter's Submission Form attached.

E-mail submissions are preferred, though submitting via fax or postal mail is possible:

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**OREGON PROGRAM EVALUATORS NETWORK (OPEN)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 16, 2005
OREGON CONVENTION CENTER, PORTLAND, OREGON**

"WAYS OF KNOWING: EVALUATION AND EVIDENCE"

PRESENTER'S SUBMISSION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ FAX _____

Job Title _____ Affiliation/Employer _____

Complete these lines *only if the presenter listed above is not the person to contact* about this presentation:

Contact Person: _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Complete mailing address: _____

If you plan to have **co-presenters** as part of this presentation, list them below for inclusion in the program. Include their name, title, and institution/employer. Use additional pages as necessary:

Co-Presenter 1: Name _____ Job Title _____

Institution/Employer _____

Co-Presenter 2: Name _____ Job Title _____

Institution/Employer _____

Session Title:

Session Type: (Indicate the session type that best represents your submission.)

Due Monday 8/1/05	Skill-Building Workshop	Paper Presentation	Panel Discussion (indicate
	Other: _____		Chair: _____)

Brief Description of Session: (Please limit to 100 - 250 words. Include additional pages as necessary.)

Conference Diversity Strand: Is this session appropriate for consideration in the **Conference Diversity Strand**? Diversity includes any discussion or description of social, theoretical, geographical or cultural diversity.
YES NO

Primary Audience(s): (Check all that apply. This will not limit who comes to your session; it just helps with planning to assure there are presentations for each of these groups.)

Researchers	Evaluators	University/Higher Education	Public Policy Analysts
Government Agencies	Schools/ Educators	Non-Governmental Organizations/Agencies	Performance Improvement/ Quality Management

Discipline/Field(s): (Check all that apply. Please indicate the discipline or fields covered in your presentation.)

Education	Policy-Making/Law	Natural Resources/Environment
Corrections/Justice	Public Health	Mental Health/ Substance Abuse

Schedule Conflict: (Please indicate your availability on Friday to facilitate program scheduling.)

Conference Sessions

Friday, September 16th

I can only present in the morning

I can only present in the afternoon

I have no schedule conflict on Friday, I can present either morning or afternoon

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS DUE AUGUST 1, 2005

Submit this *completed* form to:

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NOTE: All conference presenters are expected to register for the conference and to pay their own expenses. Presenters for the Annual Conference will receive professional recognition, but no direct financial reward.