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Subject: Invitation to the 31st CEOS Plenary, Rapid City, South Dakota, USA

Dear Colleagues,

The USGS is pleased to invite you to the 31st Plenary of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), which will be hosted from the 19th to the 20th of October 2017, at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City, South Dakota, USA. Side and preparatory meetings will be held on the 18th of October.

The 31st CEOS Plenary will address all of the major themes and activities carried out by CEOS and its constituent groups over the course of the year. The CEOS Secretariat would appreciate applications for agenda time to be made well in advance, to ensure a well-designed programme that will achieve the meeting objectives.

We have blocked rooms at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn with a special rate starting at \$89 USD per night for stays between the 17th and 21st of October. Rooms are to be booked online ([www.rushmoreplaza.com](http://www.rushmoreplaza.com)) or by phone (+1 605-348-4000) before the 18th of September. Please use the Group Code: **WX8**. All participants are encouraged to begin making lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

CEOS website meeting registrations (<http://ceos.org/meetings/31st-ceos-plenary/>) will open mid-year, and the agenda and other details will be posted in due course. As you make your travel plans, please note that an optional excursion into the Black Hills is being offered following the meeting on Saturday, the 21st of October.

The continued engagement of agencies is critical to the success of CEOS, and we sincerely hope that you will join us in October. We look forward to seeing you at the gateway to the Wild West!

Kind regards,

Frank Kelly  
2017 CEOS Chair