

Committee on Earth Observation Satellites

Working Group on Information Systems & Services-58
Working Group on Calibration & Validation-54

15 - 18 OCTOBER 2024

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA USA



**MEETING
INFORMATION
GUIDE**

HOST: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD)

2801 Jaycee Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Directions to Holiday Inn City Center hotel:

- *Taxi and ride share (Uber & Lyft) are available in Sioux Falls. However, it is not recommended these services are used to travel to the USGS EROS Center due to the long distance. See "Transportation" for more information.*

LODGING INFORMATION

Holiday Inn City Centre

100 West 8th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
+1(605) 339-2000

Online booking link:

[Book your group rate for WGISS-WGCV Attendee Rooms](#)

- **Group rate: \$107 per night**
- **Hotel Service Fee of \$15 per night is waived at check out**
- **Arrival and departure dates must be entered between 13th & 19th October**

Other hotels within walking distance to the Holiday Inn City Center:

[Hilton Garden Inn Sioux Falls Downtown](#)

201 E 8th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

- *No negotiated group rate*
- *~6 min walk to Holiday Inn City Center*

[Hotel On Phillips](#)

100 N Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

- *No negotiated group rate*
- *~5 min walk to Holiday Inn City Center*

Food and Shopping options are available within walking distance of the hotels listed above.

***Please note, transportation will only be provided from/to the Holiday Inn City Center to the USGS EROS Center.**

MEETING LOCATION

USGS EROS Center

47914 252nd Street,
Sioux Falls, SD 57198

- *See detailed map on page 4.*
- *Note: A U.S. Drivers License or Passport must be shown to security each day to enter the facility.*

MEETING REGISTRATON

Please register for in-person attendance by **30 June 2024** to ensure enough time to receive a Visa and approval to enter the USGS EROS Center.

Meeting Registration Link:

- [WGISS and WGCV Joint Meeting Registration](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided from/to the **Holiday Inn City Center** each day for those without a rental car. Additional information will be provided with the final agenda. It is not recommended to use a taxi or ride share service to/from the USGS EROS Center due to the long distance.

TECHNICAL TOUR

A USGS EROS Center Tour will be coordinated and the specific timing will be part of the final agenda.

SOCIAL EVENTS (SELF FUNDED)

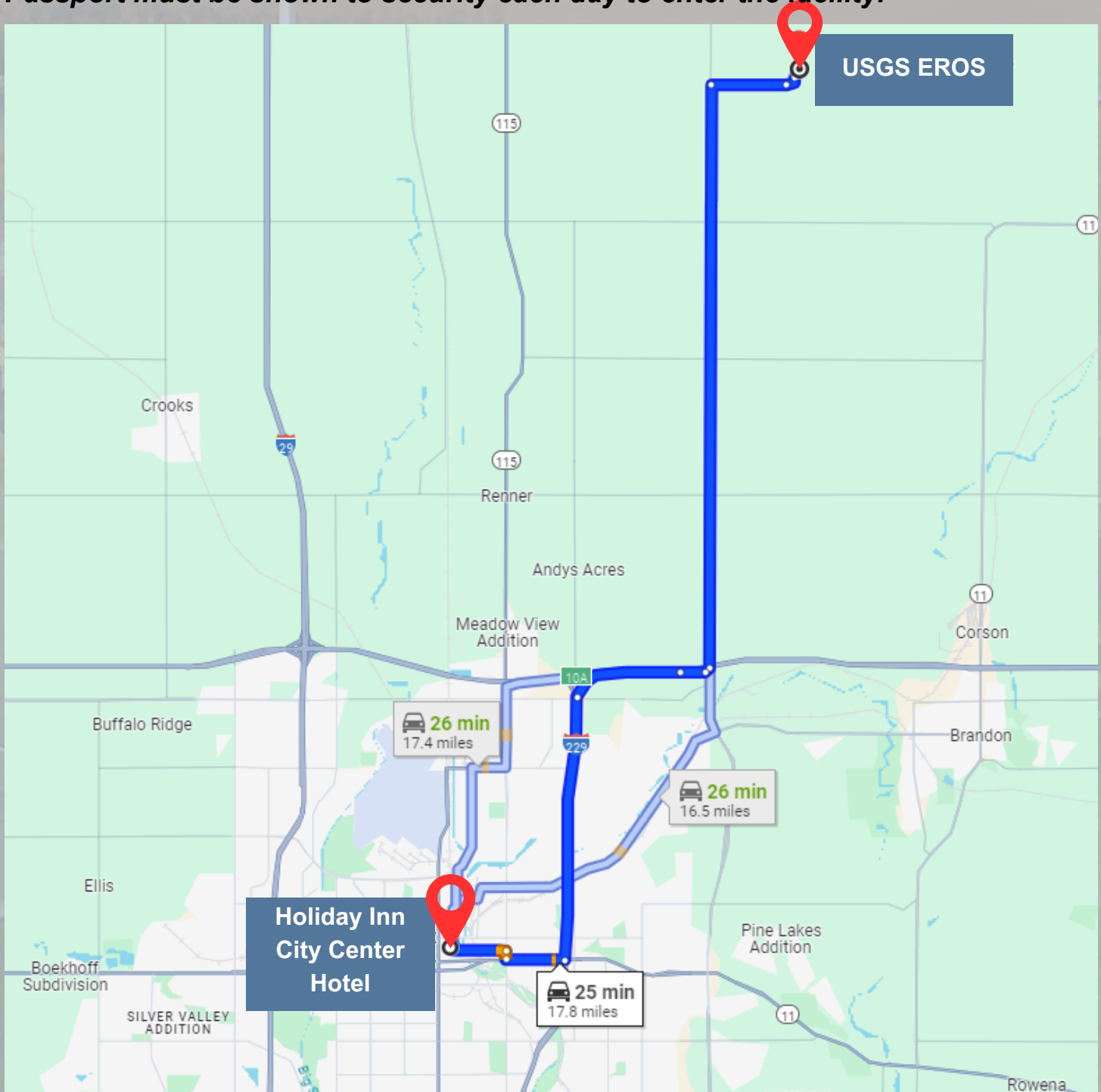
- 15 October - **Welcome Reception (6pm-9pm)**
 - [Remedy Brewing Company](#)
- 16 October - **WGISS Reception**
 - *TBD*
- 16 October - **WGCV Reception**
 - *TBD*

DINING OPTIONS CLOSE TO HOTELS

- [Chef Lance's on Phillips](#)
- [Fernson Brewing Company Downtown](#)
- [Ode To Food & Drinks](#)
- See [Downtown Sioux Falls](#) for more dining options.

MEETING LOCATION

The meeting will be held at the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center and is located approximately 17 miles (28 km) north from the Holiday Inn City Center hotel. **Note: a U.S. Drivers License or Passport must be shown to security each day to enter the facility.**



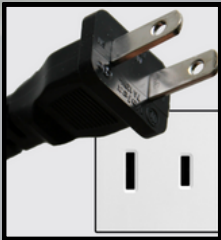
USGS EROS Center address: 47914 252nd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57198

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/25sMvjTrPRoqTDAY7>

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND LINKS

Sioux Falls

- For emergency assistance dial 911
- Bordering Iowa and Minnesota, Sioux Falls is in the “Heart of America”
- Is located in south eastern South Dakota (*South Dakota population is 909,824*)
- Is located in Minnehaha county (*population 203,971*)
- Is the largest city in South Dakota (*population 213,891*)
- Located at the junction of Interstates 90 and 29, on the banks of the Big Sioux River
- Average weather in October - highs 57°F (14°C) and lows 44°F (7°C)
- Uses Central Daylight Time (*UTC -5hrs*)
- Currency: U.S. dollar
- Electric power voltage is 110-120v



THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO SEE

Sioux Falls Butterfly House and Marine Cove (*admission fee is \$13-\$15*)

- Over 800 butterflies call this home
- Includes a touch pool with sharks and stingrays

Falls Park (*free admission*)

- Located north of downtown Sioux Falls, the park covers 123 acres and an average of 7,400 gallons of water drop 100' every second
- Visit the information center and observation tower
- Have a beverage or snack at the Falls Overlook Café
- View the permanent sculptures

Museums

- Pettigrew home and Museum (*free admission*)
 - 1889 Queen Anne home of South Dakota's first U.S. Senator
- Old Courthouse Museum
 - (*free admission*)
- Washington Pavilion (*admission fee*)
 - Includes the Wells Fargo CineDome Theater
- Center for Western Studies
 - (*free admission*)

SculptureWalk

- Over 50 sculptures displayed from the Washington Pavilion to Falls Park in downtown Sioux Falls

Visit Sioux Falls

<https://visitsiouxfalls.com/>

DID YOU KNOW?

Sioux Falls facts

- The first four-door automobile was invented in Sioux Falls, the aluminum Fawick Flyer
- In the late 1950s, Sioux Falls based manufacturing company Raven Industries, created the first modern hot air balloon system
- Is the 143rd most populous city in the United States
- Is the 47th fastest growing city in the United States
- The falls at Falls Park were created about 14,000 years ago during the last ice age
 - Many Native American tribes came to the area due to the lure of the Big Sioux River – numerous burial mounds still exist on the high bluffs near the river
- Has more than 70 parks and greenways along with a 19-mile path used for biking, jogging and walking
- Sister cities are Potsdam, Brandenburg, Germany and Newry and Mourne District Council, Northern Ireland

South Dakota facts

- Nicknames include Mount Rushmore State, the Coyote State and the Sunshine State
- Also referred to as the Blizzard State, the Artesian State, Land of Plenty and The Land of Infinite Variety
- The fifth least populous state
- Pierre (*pronounced Pier*) is the state capital
- The only capital city in the US that does not share at least one letter with its state
- South Dakota state motto is "Under God the People Rule"
- State song is "Hail! South Dakota"
- State flower is the pasque flower, a blossom that grows wild across the state's prairies each spring
- It is illegal to pick the pasque flower
- The geographic center of North America is 20 miles north of Belle Fourche, South Dakota (*in western South Dakota*)
- Famous figures that hail from South Dakota include Ernest O. Lawrence, who invented the cyclotron particle accelerator and won the 1939 Nobel Prize for Physics; Hubert Humphrey, the 38th Vice President of the United States; and Laura Ingalls Wilder who chronicled her years growing up on a South Dakota homestead in the popular Little House book series
- The World's only Corn Palace is in Mitchell