

## Call for Abstracts and Participation in a 1-Day Classified Session in association with the 22<sup>nd</sup> William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium (Pecora 22) 24 October 2022, Denver, Colorado

National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) and United States Geological Survey (USGS) personnel will host a one day classified session in association with the Pecora 22 Symposium at a secure facility located in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the session is to engage attendees in themes related to the Pecora 22 Conference, exploring such topics as:

- Advances in remote sensing sensors/data from all providers.
- Advances in processing of remotely sensed data, e.g., using on-board processing of sensor data and applying recent developments in automation, machine learning, and computer vision techniques.
- Applications of national, commercial, and civil sensor data, and advanced processing techniques, to climate change issues.
- Use of civil and commercial sensors to solve classified intelligence problems.

**Session Classification Level:** The session will be held at the TOP SECRET/SCI level and will only be open to U.S. Citizens given the restrictions of the hosting facility. All attendees are required to hold TS/SCI clearances and have access to JWICS to facilitate sending in their presentation for the session, and for subsequent distribution of material for session attendees.

### **Abstract and Presentation Submission:**

The session facilitators are soliciting abstracts for presentations that will be limited to 25 minutes total, with 20 minutes for the presentation and five minutes for questions. The abstracts/presentations should address aspects of the themes listed above. The maximum number of presentations for the one-day session will set at 16.

Submitters of abstracts for presentation are encouraged to keep their abstracts unclassified if possible, and abstract/presentations title are required to be unclassified. Abstracts should include the presenter(s) name and professional affiliation (e.g., company or government agency), and are limited to five hundred words or less in length. Each will be evaluated on their relevance to the themes of the session, planned session audience and their overall technical quality.

Presentations need to be in either PPTX or Adobe PDF format, and each presenter is responsible for the appropriate security markings of the entire presentation. Please name your presentation file(s) with the approximate same name as the title of the abstract/presentation as close as possible. If you submit new versions of your original presentation submission, please add "\_V1", "\_V2", etc. to the end of the name of the file.

**Please submit your abstracts to the session organizers no later than 15 August 2022, at the following email: [SecSessPecora22@nga.mil](mailto:SecSessPecora22@nga.mil).**

**Important Dates for Abstract and Session Presentation submission:**

- Call for Abstracts released on 25 July 2022
- Abstracts are due NLT 15 August 2022
- Notification of acceptance of an Abstract will be NLT 26 August 2022
- All presentations are due NLT 3 October 2022

**Logistics and registration to participate in the Secure Session:**

**Session Logistics:**

The Secure Session will be held at a multi-agency facility known as the Denver Training and Conference Center (DTCC) located outside Denver, Colorado. It is approximately a 20-minute drive from the Pecora 22 Conference Hotel (Hilton City Center) which is in downtown Denver. The Session will be held from 8am to 5pm on 24 October 2022. Access to the facility should start between 7:30-8am on that day. Depending on need, transportation to the DTCC and back to the conference hotel may be provided at minimal cost. The DTCC does have on-site parking available to facilitate driving and parking at the facility. As soon as the details regarding transportation being provided are available, this information will be sent to participants that have registered to attend to their unclassified email.

**Please note**, in person attendance will be limited to the first 120 people that register to attend as the secure conference has a maximum capacity of 120. Also, to facilitate entrance into the DTCC and its parking lot, all attendees need to bring either their DoD CAC, Civilian PIV or their driver's license to access the facility.

To register, please send the following information to the session organizers at their unclassified email (i.e., [SecSessPecora22@nga.mil](mailto:SecSessPecora22@nga.mil)):

The name of person planning to attend, their organization affiliation and the following contact information, open and secure email addresses, open and secure phone numbers.

Once registered, a person will be sent clearance passing information to both their open and secure email addresses, and the deadline date for submitting their clearances.

The session organizers will send updates about the secure session to registrant's email address and post updates to the Pecora Conference website: <https://pecora22.org/program/>

Questions regarding this one day Classified Session may be directed to:

**Secure Session Coordination Team:**

Phone numbers for NGA organizers, (571) 557-5855 or (571) 557-6575

Phone numbers for USGS organizers, (303) 445-8214 or (303) 445-8203

E-mail: [SecSessPecora22@nga.mil](mailto:SecSessPecora22@nga.mil)