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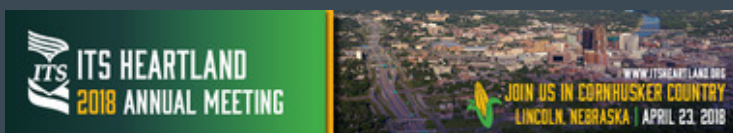
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Heartland ITS Pulse

Happy New Year from ITS Heartland!

2018 ITS Heartland Conference Update



Vendor Booths are Filling Fast!

Vendor booths for the 2018 meeting are filling up fast! Be sure to get registered and become a vendor and/or sponsor of this great event soon!

[Sponsor/Vendor Registration is available HERE.](#)

2018 Best of ITS Awards

The Best of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Awards is sponsored by ITS Heartland. The awards recognize significant contributions to the ITS Heartland community. Categories recognized include Outstanding ITS Project, Outstanding ITS Product, and the President's Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual.

[Click here to view and submit an application.](#)

Deadline: March 23, 2018

Renew Your Membership!

The success of ITS Heartland is dependent on the involvement of its membership. Help advance ITS Heartland by joining or renewing your membership today. ITS Heartland memberships are good for one calendar year. Renew online at:

<http://itsheartlandmembership.org/>

****All 2017 and 2018 members will receive this Pulse. The February Pulse will only be sent to registered 2018 members. Be sure to renew online so you don't miss out on ITS in the Heartland!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/25/18: ITS Heartland - Regional Operations Forum Training Session - TSMO Workforce Development. Webinar: 12PM to 1PM, CST.

[Register HERE.](#) Click [HERE](#) for more information

4/23/18-4/25/18: [ITS Heartland Annual Meeting](#) (Lincoln, NE)

6/4/18-6/7/18: [ITS America Annual Meeting](#) (Detroit, Michigan)

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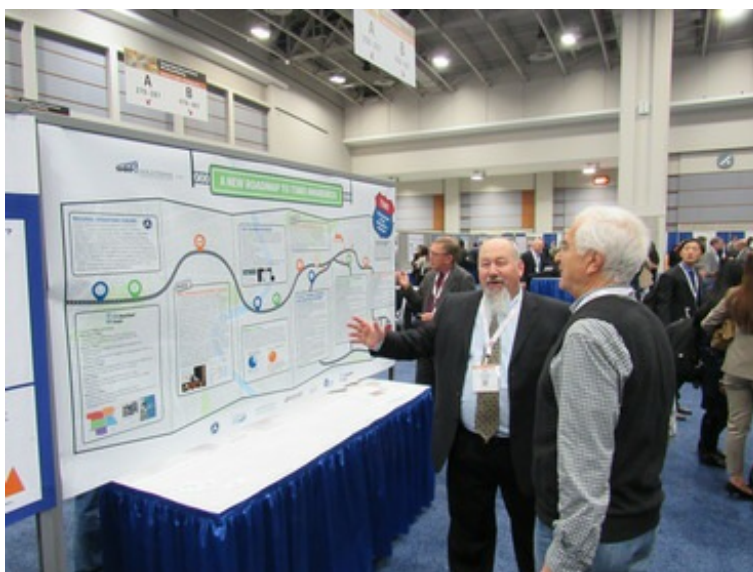
2018 Student Competition

Each year, ITS Heartland sponsors a Student Poster Session Competition. Students present their research on Tuesday, April 24th at the Annual Meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 student projects. Students are required to submit abstracts of their projects in advance of the Annual Meeting. [For more information and application details, click here.](#)

Deadline: April 6, 2018

ITS Heartland at TRB!

Members from ITS Heartland attended and presented a poster about our chapter's unique TSMO Regional Operations Training Series program. The conference was well attended and the poster was a hit with many attendees - especially those who have participated in the training series. The poster will be available to view in-person at this year's ITS Heartland Annual Meeting!



ITS America Call for Papers/Sessions

The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) is now accepting papers and abstracts for its 27th annual



meeting, taking place June 4-7, 2018 in Detroit, Michigan. The theme for 2018 is "Transportation 2.0" - papers and abstracts should be related to one of the following topics:

- Connectivity, Autonomy, and the Future of Transportation
- Cybersecurity and Privacy Opportunities and Challenges
- Electrification and Infrastructure
- Regulatory and Financial Challenges Related to Deployment of ITS
- The Impacts & Opportunities of Big Data
- Transportation Systems Operation

Consider submitting a paper and representing the ITS Heartland chapter! More information can be found [HERE](#).

USDOT to Seek Input on CAV Policy and Regulations

The US Department of Transportation will soon publish four requests for public comment on how to cast aside roadblocks for transportation advancements in vehicles, trains, buses, commercial trucking, and transit systems. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao noted that "Right now there are too many outdated transportation rules, terms, and concepts that no longer apply to an automated world." NHTSA, the FTA, and FHWA will all seek public input on how driverless transportation modes should be accommodated on US Highways and in other modal capacities across the country. Comments received will be used to develop the third iteration of the department's Federal Automated Vehicle Policy, which should be released Summer of 2018. Read more about this article [HERE](#).

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