

**TUES**

September 26

All times listed in Central Time.

**7:00 - 8:00 AM** ..... **Breakfast & Registration**

**8:00 - 8:30 AM** ..... **Welcome & Agenda Review**

**8:30 - 9:00 AM** ..... **Keynote Presentation**

Paul Gogan, Director, Electric Distribution Asset Management at WEC Energy Group delivers the keynote presentation for GSI's 2023 DDS User Conference.

**9:00 - 10:00 AM** ..... **What's New in DDS**

Jarod Tait, Senior Sales Engineer, and David Little, Manager, Software Delivery, GSI cover the major enhancements added to DDS over the past 12 months.

**10:00 - 10:15 AM** ..... **Break**

**10:15 - 11:00 AM** ..... **Upgrading to Newer DDS Versions**

Jarod Tait and David Little continue to discuss the major enhancements added to DDS along with the advantages and importance of upgrading to current versions.

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM** ..... **Panasonic TOUGHBOOK® Truck**

Chad Hall, Strategic Partnership Manager, Panasonic, covers ruggedized equipment followed by a tour of the Panasonic TOUGHBOOK® Truck.

**12:00 - 1:15 PM** ..... **Lunch**

**1:15 - 2:00 PM** ..... **Why YOU Should Be Using DDS Designer**

Tyler Livingood, Designer Program Manager, GSI, shares DDS Designer advancements and the process involved with using the software alongside GNSS hardware.

**2:00 - 2:45 PM** ..... **Unique Customer Configurations**

David Little discusses several aspects of DDS that are available through configuration of standards and/or custom data providers.

**2:45 - 3:00 PM** ..... **Break**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM** ..... **FirstEnergy's DDS - GIS Integration Overview**

Hear from Reece Golz, Senior Partner Manager - Electric & Gas Utilities, Esri discuss the Esri Utility Network and their partnership with GSI. Jamie Chipps, GIS Manager, FirstEnergy, and Chris Dille, Manager, Project Development GSI, will highlight the process, successes and lessons learned involved with integrating DDS to the largest implementation of the Esri UN model in the United States to date.

**4:00 PM** ..... **Day 1 Wrap-up & Customer Engagement Plan**

GSI's Carl Livingood, Chief Operating Officer, and Gina McCann, Director, Business Development, will recap the day and share an overview of GSI's customer engagement plan.

**EVENING EVENT**

**St. Louis Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers**

Bus departures from the Cambria Hotel Downtown Milwaukee at **5:30 & 6:00 p.m.** First pitch at **6:40 p.m.**

**WEDS**

September 27

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**7:30 - 8:30 AM** ..... **Breakfast****8:30 - 9:00 AM** ..... **GSI's Utility Design Services**

Carl Livingood of GSI will discuss DDS Premium Services, including the new Utility Design Services offerings providing administrative support and staff augmentation. We will discuss how our DDS Data Services, Standards & Engineering Services, 2D&3D CAD Services, and Utility Design Services can help you!

**9:00 - 9:45 AM** ..... **FirstEnergy's Map Maintenance Process**

Kristen Conrad, Supervisor, GIS Apps and Asset Management, and Ray Johnson, Engineering Services Supervisor, FirstEnergy, will give an update on their Map Maintenance process that is being used by designers involving DDS and their Esri GIS.

**9:45 - 10:45 AM** ..... **DDS on Azure - Should You Migrate?**

GSI's Matt Rickard, Director of Software Operations, discusses the DDS on Azure ecosystem. Matt will review components of the system, provide real-world examples that highlight the benefits, and present some lessons learned from previous migrations of DDS from On-Prem to Azure.

**10:45 - 11:00 AM** ..... **Break****11:00AM - 12:00 PM** ..... **DDS Enhancements & Workflows for We Energies**

GSI's Stephanie Koch, Project Manager, and Justin Goffard, Application Engineer, discuss enhancements & workflows tailored for We Energies: Enhancements for DWG and PDF importing, PDF Printing, Dimensioning in DDS, and Improved workflows for GIS Translation. These items were spec'd, developed and funded during the We Energies Implementation Project.

**12:00 - 1:15 PM** ..... **Lunch****1:15 - 2:00 PM** ..... **DDS Joint Use Enhancements**

Join Jarod Tait for a discussion on how GSI can improve joint-use workflow at your utility and answer questions, such as: What other attachments are on that pole? Is the addition of communication cables going to create a clearance violation or cause a structural overload on a pole? And more!

**2:00 - 2:45 PM** ..... **How Can DDS Be Better: DDS Enhancement Ideas from CenterPoint Energy**

Richie Bemis, Lead Systems Analyst, and Alberto Garcia, Senior Engineering Technologist, CenterPoint Energy share their common workflows and opportunities to improve the DDS experience for designers.

**2:45 - 3:00 PM** ..... **Break****3:00 - 4:00 PM** ..... **Future DDS Product Enhancements & Investments**

Matt Rickard will host a feedback discussion on concepts, prototypes and in-process enhancements to DDS to bring greater customer value.

**4:00 PM** ..... **User Conference Recap & Closing Remarks**

GSI's Carl Livingood and Gina McCann recap the conference.

**EVENING EVENT****Gathering at 3rd St Market Hall** – 275 W Wisconsin Ave Ste 100, Milwaukee, WI

Join us from 7:00-10:00 p.m.