



## **Guidelines for Research Program and Policy Poster Session University of Wyoming, September 24-25, 2008**

The Consumer Issues Conference is a long-running annual event that focuses on a consumer issue. This year the dual foci are energy and telecommunications.

### **Objectives of the Conference**

- Develop an understanding of consumer issues related to energy and telecommunications and awareness of informational and policy resources from experts' presentations, exhibits, and poster sessions
- Empower consumers to address specific concerns through education, collaboration, and participation in the public policy process
- Create opportunities for networking that can lead to collaboration among stakeholders with differing perspectives on consumer issues
- Improve well being for consumers through changes in personal actions and/or state and local policy, (e.g., legislation introduced and/or passed, regulation, and funding)
- Encourage attendees to create/share well researched position papers and presentations to experts and policymakers, including legislators on a specific issue

### **Audience**

The audience will be a mix of lawyers, educators, researchers, policymakers, general public, business persons and university students. Supplementary handouts are encouraged to educate attendees (no commercial promotions will be permitted).

The posters are to be available during the conference in the Union Ballroom by 8 am on 25 September 2008 and should remain up until 4 pm. Between 10 and 10:30am authors should be next to their posters to discuss their work and answer questions. Posters may be set up as early as 4pm on 24 September.

### **Poster Preparation**

Posters can be either 1) a standard three-section table top presentation board or 2) a flat poster (not longer than six feet). *Indicate which format you plan to use when you submit your abstract.* Posters will be displayed in an area where attendees meet during session breaks. You will be responsible for putting your poster up and removing it.

### **Submission:**

Submitted abstracts should describe in 300 words or less the poster content, including the title of the poster, authors, rationale (Why did you do this?), objective (What did you set out to achieve?), techniques/method (What did you do and with whom?) and findings/implications/applications/evaluation (What did you learn; how can it be used; how would you change further efforts?). Poster submissions must be original, and priority will be given to topics related to Conference themes.

Please include your contact information (name, title, affiliation, e-mail and phone number).

Abstracts should be emailed to Cole Ehmke at [cehmke@uwyo.edu](mailto:cehmke@uwyo.edu) by Monday, 23 June 2008. The review committee will notify you by July 1, 2008. Abstracts for posters presented at the conference will be posted on the conference website at [www.uwyo.edu/consumerconference/](http://www.uwyo.edu/consumerconference/). Presenters must register for the conference on their own.

### **Resources**

<http://writing.colostate.edu/guides/speaking/poster/pop2c.cfm>