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**RE: 2023 FIG Working Week – Orlando, Florida, USA
(28 May – 1 June 2023)**

Greetings to my Fellow Geospatial Professionals,

I would like to take a moment to welcome you to Orlando, *The City Beautiful*, for the 2023 FIG Working Week to be held in Orlando, Florida. Orlando is a diverse and vibrant city that is known for being the home to Walt Disney World and Universal Studios Florida. The city and region have so much more to offer from the Orlando Magic, the Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center, to being the Simulation Capital of the World, and the United States' largest University, the University of Central Florida (UCF). From world-class offerings in the area and region to the culinary delights you can find on any street corner that is as diverse as the area's population. In Orlando, there is a reason it is a tourist destination, there is so much to offer.

As the City Surveyor for the City of Orlando, I am excited to be a part of the FIG Working Week in 2023 and to have the opportunity to meet so many other geospatial professionals, as you come to the conference at Waldorf Astoria and Signia by Hilton, both at the beautiful Bonnet Creek Resort next to Disney Springs. In preparation of the event, we are working with FIG and the National Society of Professional Surveyors on technical tours highlighting what the area and region are working with in regard to spatial issues and dealing with environmental changes and are sure to be a delight to attendees.

Lastly, the surveying and geospatial community in both government and in private industry in North America, are coming together to be a part of a great world event happening in our own backyard and we couldn't be more excited to bring a little part of our world to you!

Sincerely,

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