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CALL FOR PAPERS

Mini-Track on SMEs and e-Government

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Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) are crucial to economies around the globe. Small and medium-sized enterprises, SMEs, defined as companies with less than 250 employees, make up a very large proportion of Europe's economy and just as large companies, SMEs can have considerable impact on the environment. This is not necessarily through individual pressure, but through their combined total impact across sectors (although in some cases the individual effects of SMEs on the environment can be very significant at local or regional level) (Eurolex, 2007).

Taking the United Kingdom as an example, there are 4.3 million SMEs in the UK, employing around 12 million people, this sector is vital to the UK economy (BIBA, 2007). For this track the aim is to determine the impacts of e-government upon SMEs and evaluate the impacts of e-government upon SMEs. Therefore, there are social, political and economic aspects related to this track.

The topics that this track will consider are:

The Process Changes that are brought within the SME sector by e-government

- The technological and non-technological challenges that SMEs face with respect to e-gov
- Policy related issues of e-gov and SMES (however, the policy issues are to be concerned with information and communication technologies)
- Evaluating the impacts of e-gov upon SMEs
- Modeling aspects of e-gov and SMEs
- The adoption and usage of e-gov within the context of SMEs
- Cultural aspects related to SMEs and e-gov
- The strategic aspects related to SMEs and e-gov
- Leadership and management related issues of e-gov and SMES
- E-commerce and e-business related issues in connection with SMEs and e-gov
- Website evaluation of SMEs and e-gov

Submission details

Abstract details: The Abstract should be a minimum of 300 and no more than 500 words including up to five keywords and keyphrases to be received by **17 December 2007**. Abstracts must include the conference track the abstract is intended for, the proposed title for the paper, the full names (first name and surname, not initials), postal addresses and email addresses of all authors and a telephone number for at least one contact author. Please indicate clearly if the contact author is not the lead author.

Submission: Submit online at

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Full paper:

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Important information

- The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference.
- The authors of abstracts that describe a relevant paper will receive a notification of abstract selection.
- All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.
- For authors whose first language is not English we request that you have your work proof read prior to submission by a native English speaker (or at least a fluent English speaker). Papers can be rejected due to a poor standard of English.
- Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration). Author registration must be completed by 12 June 2008.
- Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference, the committee only allows an author to present one paper. Therefore if multiple papers are accepted for presentation different co-authors need to present each paper.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: **17 December 2007**

Notification of abstract acceptance:

21 December 2007

Final copy of full paper due: **17 February 2008**

Notify paper acceptance (with changes):

17 April 2008

Final paper submission: **15 May 2008**

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