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To Steve Liang,

In recognition of your continuing contributions to the creation and advancement of OGC Standards, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with the 2022 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

You are recognized as an ideal example of an OGC member by previous Gardels Award winners in response to your pioneering work in sensor technologies in the geospatial context. A member of the nominating committee noted that you were “the first within OGC to come up with a more RESTful API and thus one of the pioneers of leveraging web standards for publishing spatial data.” Another committee member noted that you have “been a promoter for OGC for some time and has done an exceptional job promoting the OGC to the IoT world. He does a lot internally as well as externally as part of this promotion.” You continue to chair both Domain and Standards Working Groups and contribute to efforts beyond the scope of those groups across OGC.

We thank you for chairing the SensorThings SWG, the Sensor Web Enablement DWG, the CDB SWG, and the University DWG. We also appreciate your efforts as the principal editor for the two SensorThings API Standards and for applying those Standards to numerous real-world installations in a variety of domains. You have been instrumental in forging strong links with the geospatial community across the globe. Your skill in bridging communities exemplifies the values associated with the Gardels Award.

Kenn Gardels is remembered for his principles, courage, and humility, and for his accomplishments in promoting spatial technologies to address the needs of humanity. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for exemplifying these ideals to which we as a community all aspire. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, and with the unanimous support of the Gardels Award Committee, it is with the greatest personal pleasure that I present you with the 2022 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

For the OGC Board of Directors:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey K. Harris'.

Jeffrey K. Harris  
Chairman