



December 8, 2021

To Chris Little,

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 2021 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

You are recognized as an ideal example of an OGC member by previous Gardels Award winners in response to your willingness to lead efforts that directly impact the meteorology and geospatial science communities. A member of the nominating committee noted that "It would be hard to surpass Chris's longtime contributions both in the meteorology domain and more broadly with issues of temporal interoperability and general conceptual soundness. He is active, tireless, and his recent work championing the EDR API is commendable!" You have deftly chaired both Domain and Standards Working Groups and ensured that all stakeholders were included in the consensus process.

OGC appreciates your dedication to the advancement of high-quality Standards through your active participation in the OGC Architecture Board (OAB). Your willingness to bring emerging topics of interest to the OAB ensures that OGC is tackling issues of relevance to our members and community in a timely manner. The Technical Committee Chair has expressed his appreciation for your attention to detail when reviewing any Standard or other document being prepared in OGC.

We thank you for demonstrating the true spirit of the OGC by dedicating your time and effort to co-chair the Meteorology and Oceanography DWG, the Temporal DWG, and the Environmental Data Retrieval API SWG. The engagement that you help broker between the OGC and the meteorology community has been instrumental in not only developing sound interoperability amongst users of meteorological data, but also in proving the suitability of OGC Standards for domain-specific use. This skill in bridging communities exemplify 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 2021 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

For the OGC Board of Directors:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey K. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jeffrey K. Harris
Chairman