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To Douglas Nebert

In recognition of your profound contribution to the advancement of the OpenGIS® vision, the Board of Directors of the Open GIS Consortium is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

This award recognizes not only your personal commitment and intellectual leadership in consortium activities, but also your decade of remarkable contributions to the development of the OGC community. Specifically, we wish to recognize your role in creating OGC's Interoperability Program, your ongoing leadership of the consortium's architecture development activities, and your personal effectiveness in educating public sector institutions globally in the benefits of geospatial interoperability. Additionally we acknowledge the importance of your leadership in the advancement of local, national, regional, and global Spatial Data Infrastructures worldwide. In all such endeavors you have been an example of the best ideals of the consortium, and have profoundly influenced the development of the technology, the culture of geospatial computing, and the advancement of spatial infrastructure.

The Kenneth D. Gardels Award was conceived to memorialize the spirit of a man who dreamt passionately of making the world a better place through open communication and the use of information technology to improve the quality of human life. You have our deepest gratitude and greatest respect for the role you have played in realizing the vision which inspired this award.

For the OGC Board of Directors,

David Schell
Chairman