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To Simon Cox:

In recognition of your unflagging dedication to the vision of the consortium, and your remarkable record of achievement, the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

This award affirms your personal commitment and extraordinary history of Technical Committee participation, the special quality of leadership you have brought to consortium activities, and the unique esteem in which you are held throughout the OGC community.

You are an influential scientist and architect whose technical judgment and wisdom have often been sought to resolve the most complex issues of standards technology and policy. Your contributions to the development of Geography Markup Language (GML), Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) and Web Feature Service (WFS) have been of unique value to the development of "next generation" geoprocessing, and your work with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has assured that OGC standards are accorded formal standing in the global community. Most significantly, you have been both directly and indirectly instrumental in creating conditions for the practical use of OGC standards in worldwide application markets and the growing infrastructure requirement for interoperable geoprocessing.

This award recognizes also your vital role in promoting the work of OGC in the Australian national standards community. Your persistent and energetic advocacy for interoperable geoprocessing in Australia has produced widespread acceptance in both public and private sector programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium it is with the greatest pleasure that I present you the 2006 Kenneth D. Gardels Award. You bring honor and distinction to the work of the consortium. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for providing an example of the excellence to which we as a community aspire.

Sincerely,

David Schell
Chairman