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To Dave Danko:

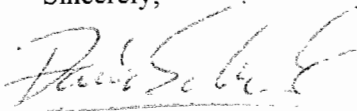
In recognition of your significant contribution to the advancement of OGC standards and the advancement of the OGC in the standards world, the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc. is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

With this award we wish to express our deep appreciation for your long and productive tenure as chairman of the OGC Technical Committee Metadata Working Group, and your invaluable contributions to the coordination of OGC's relationship with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Committee on Geographic Information and Geomatics, which has resulted in widespread acceptance of OGC in the global standards community.

Since 1996 you have played an important role in the OGC Technical Committee, contributing generously to the work of the Documentation Subcommittee, the OGC Review Board, and key working groups focused on Mass Market, Defense, Intelligence, and Catalogue standards requirements. You have also contributed wisdom and insight as the ESRI representative to the OGC Planning Committee, with mature judgment and professionalism exemplifying the highest values of the Consortium's consensus service to the community. Throughout your participation in OGC's diverse deliberative activities, you have earned the respect of your peers by confronting difficult issues in a direct and unbiased manner, with considerable tact, time and again challenging conventional wisdom in the interest of finding new and creative solutions to the most difficult and complex problems. Your contributions have been a vital component of the vigorous and open-minded dialog that is so critical to OGC's consensus process.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, it is with the greatest pleasure that I present you with the 2009 Kenneth D. Gardels Award. You bring honor and distinction to 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