



September 25, 2013

To Jeff de La Beaujardière:

In recognition of your significant contribution to the OGC's essential role and mission in the global Information Technology community, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

With this award we wish to express our deep appreciation for the extraordinary contribution you have made to the OGC community and to stakeholders around the world. Since the earliest days of OGC Web Services you have helped guide standards development and you have also played a critical role in evolving and promoting the vision of interoperable geoprocessing. The Geospatial community has benefited greatly from your specialized insights and dedication to the standards process. Your advocacy amongst the federal agencies has established an important benchmark as policies are established to best leverage standards.

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. In your work you have illustrated the personal excellence and social commitment that represent the highest value of the Consortium and the intent of this award.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium as well as the previous Gardels Award recipients who supported the Board in the nomination process, it is with the greatest pleasure that I present you with the 2013 Kenneth D. Gardels Award. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for exemplifying the ideals to which we as a community aspire.

For the OGC Board of Directors:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey K. Harris", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Jeffrey K. Harris  
Chairman