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To Paul Scarponcini:

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. Over many years, you have helped OGC advance standards in collaboration with other standards organizations. Your professionalism in this liaison work has contributed significantly to the OGC's solid reputation in the larger standards community. Much of your work has involved foundational geospatial standards, but you have also played a pioneering role in bridging the critical gap between geospatial standards and standards for the built environment. In OGC working groups you have done much to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities in this area.

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 2015 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:

Jeffrey K. Harris
Chairman