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To Carl Reed:

In recognition of your unique contribution to the development of interoperable geoprocessing, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with a special Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

As the visionary architect who implemented the first "open GIS" model, you demonstrated that the communication of geospatial information among heterogeneous processing environments was possible, and in so doing, redefined the future of geoprocessing. Your work with the Open Geospatial Consortium in its early years, as both member and consultant, contributed profoundly to the development of the consortium's consensus culture and its alignment with the international open system standards community. And as the intellectual leader of OGC's technology development programs for the last 14 years, you provided the strategic guidance and innovative process management that enabled OGC to become a dominant force within the geospatial community and a respected member of the global community of consensus standards organizations.

This award also recognizes your legacy within the global geospatial community. As the creator of the Map Overlay and Statistical System (MOSS), the first fully interactive vector GIS, and then UNIX-based DeltaMap, you established a tradition of innovative development that led ultimately to your work with GRASS. That work inspired the GIS community to focus on development of open system architectures and the network as the future universal environment for the communication and use of all things geospatial.

We thank you for your leadership, teaching, persuading, arbitrating, planning and team building in the OGC Technical Committee that has made networked open GIS systems possible. You helped the OGC build a working network of Alliance Partners that serves as a model for the entire standards world to bridge critical gaps in interoperability across IT standards. In all this 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 and with the unanimous support of the Gardels Award Committee, it is with the greatest personal pleasure that I present you with this special Kenneth D. Gardels Award. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for exemplifying the ideals to which we as a community all aspire.

For the OGC Board of Directors:

Jeffrey K. Harris
Chairman