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To Peter Vretanos:

In appreciation of your contributions to the development of OpenGIS® Specifications, and to the advancement of the Consortium's vision of interoperable geoprocessing, the Board of Directors is honored to recognize your achievement with the Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

As a principal developer of CubeWerx's technology and representative to the OGC specification process, you have provided technical leadership and have consistently worked to facilitate consensus on complex specifications projects. As editor of the OpenGIS Web Object Service, Web Feature Service and Filter Encoding Implementation Specifications, you have been deeply involved in the growing success of open Web Mapping. Your unique work in these and other initiatives has established the basis for multiple specification projects and in form and content has led to a substantial and constructive evolution in OGC's development process. You have always worked with dedication and energy to ensure the quality and integrity of the Consortium's technology development, as well as to facilitate the success of the cooperative efforts of the community of participants.

Your guidance, patience, expertise and professionalism have been widely appreciated by both project participants and the membership of the OGC Technical Committee and have contributed immensely to the success of OGC's overall goal of building an open, standards-based platform for geoprocessing. In all of the numerous interoperability initiatives in which you have participated on behalf of CubeWerx, you have performed in a manner to make the entire OpenGIS community proud, and have exemplified the qualities of character, vision and dedication on which the Kenneth D. Gardels award is based.

The Kenneth D. Gardels Award memorializes the vision of a man who believed passionately in making the world a better place through the human application of information technology. In your contribution to the Consortium's success, you have done much to realize this vision. The OGC Board of Directors, on behalf of all future users and providers of geospatial technology, is proud to acknowledge your accomplishment with this award.

Sincerely,

David Schell
President