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To Prashant Shukle:

The OGC Board of Directors presents you the OGC Lifetime Achievement Award for your leadership, commitment and support for the advancement of geospatial information, technologies, and standards-based interoperability as a strategic element of government policy and efficiency. Your leadership in the Canadian government and international geospatial programs, and your support for open standards and OGC's mission, have helped improve decision-making related to social, environmental and economic challenges faced by government, industry and citizens.

Over a 30-year career, you've demonstrated a strong commitment to good governance and accountability. Through your leadership positions at the local, provincial, and federal levels, most recently as Director General of the Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, you spearheaded innovative initiatives to expand the value of geospatial information and technologies to the national economy, to improve access to geospatial information to meet a range of national needs, and to increase Canadian support to align with international open standards, including those of the OGC. You further worked to secure permanent funding for the GeoConnections Canada program to assure the advancement of Canadian policy and infrastructure necessary to enable public and private sector exploitation of location information for improved understanding and evidence-based decision-making. This is most evident in the many provincial and national programs that have adopted OGC and complementary standards to increase interoperable access, sharing and application of geospatial information across all sectors in Canada.

Under your leadership, GeoConnections provided significant staff engagement and sponsorship of OGC programs to address Canadian and international requirements. Support has included focus on international Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure, Maritime Limits and Boundaries, improved methods for portrayal and symbology in a collaborative and digital world, and advancement of standards in the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure. You ensured enduring commitment of GeoConnections staff to work with OGC members to advance OGC standards and community best practices of importance to Canada.

You have been an excellent global ambassador and advocate regarding the importance of open data and open standards. You have been outspoken in your support of the return on investment that comes by integrating geospatial data, technologies and open standards as part of local, national and international spatial data infrastructures. Your contributions to the Canadian and International geospatial community reflect strongly in the Canadian focus that the true value of geospatial data, like all data, will be realized upon its liberation and its use by government for public policy and public good, and by industry and all citizens for a wide range of innovative uses.

With this Lifetime Achievement Award, we celebrate your lifetime of service, and your steadfast support of geospatial open standards and the OGC mission as a component of effective governance, and improved decision making.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Harris
Chairman

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CEO