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Mr Steve Ambrosini  
Executive Director  
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Dear Steve,

The Distinguished Member Award was established by the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Board to recognize OGC member organizations that have made a substantial, positive and sustained impact on one or more areas of OGC mission accomplishment through a high level of commitment beyond traditional member engagement. This award is granted by the Board in recognition of your organization's commitment to advancing the mission objectives of the OGC.

Since 2010, our organizations have engaged in a formal alliance partnership to raise awareness of the benefits of geospatial information and technology and associated best practices for the law enforcement, corrections, and justice communities. This partnership has been invaluable in helping to advance common open standards best practices for improved information management, sharing and safeguarding across these communities.

Through a combination of voluntary and funded initiatives, the IJIS Institute and the OGC have worked with a wide range of US Government organizations, Standards Development Organizations and Associations to;

- establish an ongoing dialog between IJIS and OGC membership to identify and advance interoperability solutions of importance to the communities we serve;
- mature a Standards Coordination Council to coordinate and align the public and private sectors on standards and policy best practices in support of anti-terrorism related information sharing and safeguarding;
- develop, test and demonstrate innovative new standards-based best practices for Incident Management Information Sharing;
- advance interoperability solutions to promote safe and resilient cities;
- establish a conformance assessment and certification process for the public safety, justice and corrections communities served by IJIS.

Throughout this period, IJIS leadership has worked diligently and collaboratively with OGC to deliver recommendations and solutions of great benefit to organizations across the communities we serve – outcomes that would not have been achievable by working in isolation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, this OGC Distinguished Member Award is presented to the IJIS Institute with deep appreciation for the longstanding and exceptionally productive alliance you and your staff have sustained with OGC to advance solutions of importance to our respective communities. We look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Harris  
Chairman