



September 17, 2008

To Mike Botts, Ph.D:

In recognition of your tremendous accomplishment in bringing SensorML into the Consortium and organizing and orchestrating a sensor standards initiative of global importance, the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc. is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

The OGC Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) standards have enabled the work of the OGC to expand our standards work and Member value into new markets and information technology communities beyond the traditional geospatial technology domain. Through your leadership, dedication, facilitation and tireless efforts to advance SWE standards in OGC programs and to bring other technology leaders and institutions into the process, SWE is rapidly becoming a key element in the global standards infrastructure. SWE will support science, engineering and countless critical government and business functions for years to come. This award recognizes that all of this would quite likely not have happened if it were not for your vision, leadership and hard work.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, it is with the greatest pleasure that I present you the 2008 Kenneth D. Gardels Award. You bring honor and distinction to the work of the Consortium. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for providing an example of the excellence to which we as a community aspire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Schell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Schell".

David Schell  
Chairman