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To Edric Keighan:

In recognition of your many 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 present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

This award is intended to commend not only your vision and leadership within the OGC specification process, but also your substantial commitment to the promotion of open geoprocessing through CubeWerx's technology and product development programs.

The development programs that you created and led not only materially influenced the underlying science of "interoperable geoprocessing", but also contributed substantially and uniquely to the conceptualization and cooperative implementation of the Consortium's Spatial Web Services architecture. By dedicating CubeWerx to work at the forefront of this technology revolution, you have exemplified the combined spirit of creativity and daring that the technology community relies upon for its most important achievements.

With this award we wish to applaud also the importance of your early recognition of the Internet and Web as the future platform for distributing and processing geospatial data. You were one of the first to envision clearly the future requirements of geoprocessing, and the particular product and performance issues that would most challenge the geospatial development community. In your product development work you have consistently demonstrated the enabling importance of the OpenGIS process to the timely release of interoperable, network-based capabilities to the market.

The Kenneth D. Gardels Award memorializes for the OGC community the life and ideals of a very unusual and dedicated professional and friend. The highest complement we can pay a contributor to our community effort is to say truly, "Your work and dedication to excellence in our common pursuit would have made Kenn proud."

It is with our own sense of pride in your accomplishment then that we honor you today, and thank you profoundly both for the good work you have done and for the example of excellence you have given the community.

Sincerely,

David Schell
President