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To Arliss Whiteside:

In recognition of your profound contribution to the advancement of the OpenGIS® vision, the Board of Directors of the Open GIS Consortium is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

This award not only recognizes your intellectual leadership in consortium activities, but also testifies to the outstanding qualities of character and personal ethics that you have brought to your work in our community.

In giving you this award, we wish to express in a symbolic way our appreciation for the generous gifts you have given to make our collective aspiration a reality. You have set an example of high standards and selfless dedication to excellence which we admire and which we take, in turn, to represent the highest values of our profession.

The Kenneth D. Gardels Award was conceived to memorialize the spirit of a man who dreamt passionately of making the world a better place through open communication and the use of information technology to improve the quality of human life. By contributing so much of your personal energy and idealism to building and directing the OpenGIS process, you have made a contribution of great value to the world community which we serve, and you have played a unique role in realizing the vision which inspired this award.

You have our gratitude and great respect, and more important than the simple fact of this gold emblem, you may prize the warm affection of your friends and colleagues in the OpenGIS community who join us in this expression of sincere congratulations.

With our warmest regard,

David Schell
President