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Mr. Barry Davis
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FOB 10-A, Room 422
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Davis:

As President and CEO of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) and on behalf of the OGC Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to inform you that the US Federal Aviation Administration Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) program has been selected as one of the first recipients of OGC's newly established Distinguished Member Award. An award ceremony is scheduled for the evening of 21 March 2012 as part of our upcoming OGC Technical Committee meetings in Austin, TX. I hope that you or someone from your staff can attend the ceremony to receive the award on behalf of your organization.

The Distinguished Member Award was established by the OGC Board late last year to recognize an OGC member organization that has 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 today in recognition of the FAA's long-term commitment to advancing the mission objectives of the Open Geospatial Consortium.

The FAA is recognized as an OGC for its strong commitment to OGC and complementary open standards, for its strategic leadership in advancing interoperability in aviation, and for embodying the values of the international collaborative standards process that is the heart of the OGC. The FAA has done this through their leadership in driving global Aviation Information Management (AIM) requirements in to the OGC standards process in support of NEXTGEN modernization goals. The award recognizes FAA's work to:

- Charter and co-chair the OGC Technical Committee Aviation Domain Working Group to rally the international community on appropriate open standards and interoperable best practice.
- Sponsor OGC Interoperability Program testbed and pilot initiatives to develop, test and operationally demonstrate an interoperable architecture for AIM.
- Play a strategic role in mobilizing industry, EUROCONTROL, and other international partners to develop and adopt OGC and other complementary standards to address modernization goals.

The leadership and professional staff of the FAA have been visionary and innovative in their effort to lead industry alignment on open standards of importance to the global aviation community. Through its ongoing support for the OGC, the FAA has achieved a range of its own organizational objectives while at the same time enabling broad international government, commercial and research community benefits. The FAA's leadership has encouraged other members to seek active involvement in consortium programs, accelerating industry's

motivation to agree on open geospatial standards applicable to aviation community modernization goals.

This OGC Distinguished Member Award represents our personal gratitude and the gratitude of the many organizations that have benefited from the development activity stimulated by the FAA through the Consortium process.

I look forward to your acceptance of this invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Reichardt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark E. Reichardt

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