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The GITA Awards Program

A hallmark of the Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA) has been the stewardship and leadership afforded by its members who have unselfishly shared their experiences, actively filled the mentor role, and pushed the technology to ever higher levels of feature richness and functionality. In recognition of these extraordinary efforts and successes, GITA presents, through a competitive nomination process, a number of awards in various industry segments. The awards recognize the many special achievements of individuals and organizations that have made contributions to GITA and the geospatial industry as a whole.

THE GEOSPATIAL INDUSTRY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



This distinguished award recognizes an individual's outstanding contribution and longstanding commitment to the geospatial industry. A specially appointed blue-ribbon panel of experts-representing geospatial users, solution providers, academia, publishing, government, and business-carefully evaluates nominees for this prestigious award using a stringent set of criteria. Candidates for this award include those whose pioneering spirit and demonstrated dedication have contributed greatly to the geospatial industry and whose example serves as an inspiration to others. The Geospatial Industry Lifetime Achievement Award is presented at the GITA Annual Conference. Nominations are open to any current or former member of the geospatial community. Click here for the [nomination form for the Geospatial Industry Lifetime Achievement Award](#).

2004

Jack Dangermond, ESRI
Richard Newell, Ten Sails

THE GITA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



This award is bestowed on an individual for extraordinary personal contribution to the mission and success of the association. Candidates for this esteemed award have many years of dedicated service to GITA, giving unselfishly of their time and energy to advance the association. Their purposeful commitment has made a definitive and positive impact on the association. Winners of the GITA Distinguished Service Award are presented at the GITA Annual Conference, where award recipients are inducted into the GITA Hall of Fame. Nominations are open to any current or former member of GITA North America. Click here for the [nomination form for the Distinguished Service Award](#).

2004

John A. Middlestead, DTE Energy Gas/MichCon

THE INNOVATOR AWARD

This award represents the evolution of GITA's original Pioneer Award, which recognized the achievements of early adopters of GIS when few recognized the merits of the then-fledgling technology. Today, this award recognizes the many significant contributions of pioneering user



organizations that have pushed the envelope of geospatial technology with cutting-edge advances and innovative development of a unique technology, service, or application to produce a new benefit stream for geospatial technology users. Candidates for this award include end user organizations whose vision and forward thinking has successfully implemented new and innovative geospatial solutions that benefit their customers. As a leading-edge provider of education and information for the worldwide geospatial community, GITA gives this award to honor and recognize innovation in its many forms. Nominations are open to any user organization, including government agencies and nonprofits. Click here for the [nomination form for the Innovator Award](#).

2004

Aquila Networks Canada
GeoEdmonton Right-of-Way Alliance
Public Service Company of New Mexico

PIONEER AWARD WINNERS

2001 Salt River Project
1995 IMAGIS
1992 City of Edmonton
1991 San Diego Gas and Electric Company
1990 Southern Bell Telephone Company
1989 Public Service Company of Colorado

THE EXCELLENCE AWARD



GITA's Excellence Award was created in 1993 to recognize user organizations for their outstanding application of geospatial technology in six industry categories: electric, gas, pipeline, public works, telecommunications, and water/wastewater. Candidates for the Excellence Award demonstrate dedication, insight, and a high degree of initiative in implementing successful geospatial systems. The award recognizes the accomplishments of organizations that serve as exemplars of quality, whose success leads others by the example they set. The Excellence Awards are presented at the GITA Annual Conference, with the exception of the award winner in the pipeline category, which is presented at GITA's annual GIS for Oil & Gas Conference. Nominations are open to user organizations in the six industry categories listed above. Click here for the [nomination form for the Excellence Award](#).

EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

2004 [City of Hamilton](#)
DTE Energy Gas/MichCon
We Energies

2003 Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
Aquila Networks Canada

2002 Xcel Energy-South

2001 Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
and TransCanada PipeLines

2000 Carolina Power & Light Company
and MidAmerican Energy Company

1999 TransAlta Utilities Corporation
and Wisconsin Gas Company

1998 Boston Edison Company

- 1997** Clark County, Nevada GIS Management Office
- 1996** Louisville and Jefferson County Information Consortium (LOJIC)
- 1995** Cobb EMC-Commonwealth Gas
- 1994** Citizens Gas and Coke Utility -
Mountain Fuel Supply Company

THE SPEAKER AWARD

GITA's Speaker Award program, established in 1992, recognizes speakers who received excellent ratings on their presentations at the association's conferences. The award is given to the top five percent of total speakers, as ranked by the conference attendees.

2004 SPEAKER AWARD WINNERS

Peter Batty

Ten Sails

Linda Gerull

Pierce County

Jeffrey Meyers

Miner & Miner

Greg Ramon

City of Phoenix, WSD

Arthur Spencer

Intergraph Corporation

Jack Dangermond

ESRI

Wayne Lindsay

Las Vegas Valley Water District

Shinsuke Nakanishi

NTT Infrastructure Network Corp.

Mark Riccio

National Geospatial Intelligence

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