Oct 25, 2001

Hi Everyone,
The GIS Council announces the 1st Annual NPS GIS Awards. Five categories of GIS Awards have been established. These awards will be presented at the upcoming Spatial Odyssey Conference the week of Dec 3rd, 2001. Please review the following award categories and nominate an employee, co-worker, partner, or yourself for this award. To submit an award, fill out the GIS Award Nomination Form electronically. These awards need to be submitted to Nigel Shaw via email (nigel_shaw@nps.gov) by close of business on Wednesday, November 14th. A team of GIS professionals will review the awards submitted and make decisions regarding who will receive the awards. Thanks for participating in the process!

GIS Award Categories

1. **GIS Enablers** - supporters of GIS implementations or projects who may use the products but are not software users themselves. Examples include the superintendent who encourages and supports a park staff person to implement GIS or the GIS specialist's colleague who pursues a particular application for GIS but does not have the expertise to implement it.

2. **Non-traditional Users** – GIS users who apply the technology in new ways or for new purposes. Examples include a park GIS Specialist who develops an application to support the contracting office, or someone using GIS in a musical context.

3. **Heroism** – those who apply GIS technology in support of a life or limb saving situation. Examples include GIS support of a rescue mission or fire fighting.

4. **Team Project** - recognizes an achievement made by a group that required their working together and involved the use of GIS technology to achieve their ends. Examples include a planning team, an exotics control team, or a cultural resource mitigation project.

5. **Community Outreach** - use of GIS by NPS staff to further the creation of a partnership or meet the objectives of a partnership. This could be a formal NPS partner or an individual's contribution of their expertise to a local organization. Examples include GIS analysis of census data to identify people who may have an interest in a given greenway, GIS support of a Girl Scout Troop doing a tree census in their neighborhood (maybe they don't need GIS to do the job, but their learning is enhanced by its inclusion), or providing community service applications of GIS.

National Park Service
GIS Award Nomination Form
October 2001

Date:

Contact information for person submitting award

Name:
Phone number:
e-mail address:

Nominee Name:

Nominee Location (park, office):

Nominee Job Position:

Award Categories (please check all categories that may be applicable)

______ GIS Enablers
______ Non-traditional Users
______ Heroism
______ Team Project
______ Community Outreach

Award Justification

Please include a paragraph describing the project and then a paragraph or two describing why you believe this person and project is deserving of a national level GIS Award. If supporting documentation is needed, the Award Team will contact you for further information.

Project Description:

Why this person should receive an award: