

## **The NSGIC Distinguished Service Award**

### **Summary**

The NSGIC Distinguished Service Award is typically presented to an individual or organization that is in a leadership position, advanced the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, promoted NSGIC's goal of efficient and effective government through prudent implementation of geospatial technologies, and is likely to continue in their current or a more challenging position. As this is NSGIC's highest service award recognition, a recipient's exemplary service must exceed the normal expectation of duty and have occurred over an extended period of time.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented at the Hill Day event during the NSGIC Midyear Conference. Award recipients will receive a plaque mounted on a walnut base.

### **Eligible Nominees**

The actions of each nominee must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Benefit more than just their agency or organization
- 2) Make measured improvements in implementing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure
- 3) Benefit the whole nation
- 4) Champion the involvement of all NSDI stakeholders
- 5) Promote NSGIC's goal of efficient and effective government through prudent adoption of geospatial technologies

### **Nomination Procedures**

The Awards Subcommittee will solicit nominations each year in December. Only current or former NSGIC Board Members or Officers may solicit outside suggestions and then nominate eligible individuals or organizations for this award. Nominations will be sent to the Awards Subcommittee to be verified for eligibility. Nominations must include detailed information concerning the nominee's specific activities and responsibilities that make them eligible for the award. The Awards Subcommittee will acknowledge receipt of each nomination.

The initial nomination must be endorsed by at least one other current or former NSGIC Board Member.

### **Selection process**

Nominations will be verified for eligibility by the Awards Subcommittee. Each nominee will be individually evaluated according to the award criteria. All Distinguished Service Award nominations will be considered at the same time on a competitive basis at the Subcommittee meeting in January or February. The subcommittee will make a recommendation and the final decision will be made by the President.