

**Federal Geographic Data Committee**

**DOUG D. NEBERT NSDI CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Nomination Criteria (Individual or Team)**

**Description of the Award**

This award recognizes an individual or a team representing Federal, State, Tribal, regional, and (or) local government, academia, or non-profit and professional organization that has developed an outstanding, innovative, and operational tool, application, or service capability used by multiple organizations that furthers the vision of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The award honors Doug D. Nebert who was a respected colleague, technical visionary, and recognized national leader in the establishment of spatial data infrastructures (SDI).

The vision of the NSDI is to assure that spatial data from multiple sources—Federal, State, Tribal, regional, and local governments, academia, and the private sector—are available and easily integrated to enhance the understanding of our physical and cultural world.

**Considerations**

- The award is available to an individual or a team representing Federal, State, Tribal, regional, and (or) local government, academia, or non-profit and professional organization.
- The tool, application or service developed by this individual or team that meets the criteria.
- The nominee must be a United States citizen.
- Nomination Authority: Nominations are accepted from United States public and private sector individuals, teams, organizations, and professional societies. Previous nominees not selected as recipients may be re-nominated for future awards.

**Criteria**

The award is based on the following foundational precepts:

- Innovation and vision
- Interoperability
- Use of standards
- Advancement of NSDI principles
- Service to communities of users
- Developed once, used by many
- Improved performance and service
- Real-world application
- Collaborative, cross-cutting

Specific individual and team achievements should be demonstrable via leadership of NDSI related working group or committee, documented in peer-reviewed, industry-recognized credible publication, presentations at professional conferences, a working application, or other credible basis.

**Award Recognition**

The award consists of a citation and plaque, which are presented to the recipient by the FGDC Chair at an appropriate public forum. The name of the recipient is also inscribed on a permanent plaque, which are displayed by the FGDC.

**Award Selection**

An interagency team of SDI experts from the FGDC will review all nominations and make a recommendation for the award to the FGDC Chair who will make the final decision on the award. The award information will be posted on the FGDC website at [www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov).

**Award Contact:** [fgdc@fgdc.gov](mailto:fgdc@fgdc.gov); Brigitta Urban-Mathieux at (703)-648-5175; Eldrich Frazier at (703)-648-5733.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** The authority for the program is listed in Executive Order 12906 COORDINATING GEOGRAPHIC DATA ACQUISITION AND ACCESS: THE NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE from April 11, 1994. Sec. 6. Partnerships for Data Acquisition. We estimate that it will take 10 hours for a user to submit a nomination for the award.. This includes the amount of time it takes to gather the information and send it to the requestor.

If you wish to make comments on the form and instructions regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection send them to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, gs [info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:info_collections@usgs.gov). Note: Comments, names and addresses of commentators are available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, the collection has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned a control number and expiration date. The number and expiration date are at the top of these instructions. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURE  
for  
Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award**

Nominations for the *Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award* may be submitted by private and public sector individuals, organizations, professional societies and academic institutions from the United States. Previous nominees not selected as recipients may be re-nominated for future awards.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Any national individual or team working in the field of spatial data infrastructure is eligible to receive the *Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award*. International submissions are not acceptable, applications can only be accepted from teams in the USA.

We accept nominations from public and private sector individuals, teams, organizations, and professional societies. Only national nominations are accepted. Previous nominees not selected as recipients may be re-nominated for future awards.

An individual award recognizes achievements in the development of an outstanding, innovative, and operational tool, application, or service capability used by multiple organizations that furthers the vision of the NSDI. Consideration will be given to sustained career achievements or singular contributions of major importance to the development of the NSDI.

A team award recognizes a group, a group of individuals, or part of an organization that has developed an outstanding, innovative, and operational tool, application, or service capability used by multiple organizations that furthers the vision of the NSDI.

## NOMINATION PACKAGE

The nomination submission period is from **February 1 to May 1** every year. Guidelines may vary slightly from year to year. Please consult the web site each year for updates.

Nomination packages should include three sections: (A) Cover Sheet, (B) Summary Statement, (C) Supplemental Materials. Detailed information concerning the content and format of the three sections follow.

### **Section A: Cover Sheet**

<b>NOMINEE:</b> Name Title Employer Business Mailing address Business Telephone Business E-mail address <b>NOMINATED BY:</b> Your name Business Mailing address Business Telephone Business E-mail address	<b>NOMINEE (Team):</b> Team Name Team Lead Sponsoring Organization(s) Team Lead Business Mailing address Team Lead Business Telephone Team Lead Business E-mail <b>NOMINATED BY:</b> Your name Business Mailing address Business Telephone Business E-mail address
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### **Section B: Summary Statement**

Prepare a brief written statement in support of the nomination describing the nominee's contributions to the development of an outstanding, innovative, and operational tool, application, or service capability used by multiple organizations that furthers the vision of the NSDI.

For individual nominations, describe achievements in the scientific and technical spatial data infrastructure community, as well as contributions leading to successful practical applications of spatial data infrastructure. Consideration will be given to sustained career achievements or singular contributions of major importance to the field of spatial data infrastructures (SDI).

For group nominations, describe a team, a group of individuals, or part of an organization that has developed an outstanding, innovative, and operational tool, application, or service capability used by multiple organizations that furthers the vision of the NSDI.

The Summary Statement should NOT exceed 2 pages (about 1000 words).

### **Section C: Supplementary Materials**

Specific individual and team achievements should be demonstrable via leadership of NDSI related working group or committee, documented in peer-reviewed, industry-recognized credible publication, presentations at professional conferences, a working application, or other credible basis.

Nominations may include up to 10 pages of supplemental information (resume, publications list, letters of endorsement, etc.) **Please do not include social security numbers or personal contact information or PII (Personally Identifiable Information).**

#### **SUBMISSION INFORMATION:**

##### **Format:**

Combine each section into a single .pdf file. Supplemental materials should be scanned and incorporated into the .pdf file.

Include the nominee's name or group title in the file name. Examples follow:

- JohnDoe\_2011\_Nomination.pdf
- TeamXYZ\_2011\_Nomination.pdf

**Note:** Do not use spaces in the file names

##### **Delivery:**

Submit the nomination package to the following email address:

[fgdc@fgdc.gov](mailto:fgdc@fgdc.gov).

##### **Confirmation of Submission**

When the submission is received the FGDC Office of the Secretariat award coordinator will reply to the submitter that the nomination was received and it is complete or additional information is needed.

##### **Nebert Privacy Statement**

The *Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award* Committee makes every effort to ensure that information submitted via the nomination process or email is handled in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act to ensure the greatest protection of personal privacy.

The FGDC encourages all contact information associated with the nomination package and email to include only business contact information to the maximum extent possible. If you choose to provide personal information, such as submitting a nomination package or sending an e-mail, we will use that information to process the nomination or to fulfill the stated purpose of the communication. Information submitted is not used for commercial marketing.

Please do not disclose sensitive information, such as credit card or PII. This information is not required for the Nebert Award nomination package.

Finally, it is requested that you inform the nominee of your intent to submit their information to the *Doug D. Nebert NSDI Champion of the Year Award* Committee.

For additional information, please refer to the [privacy policy](#).