



## ***2008 Delaware Geographic Service Award***

*Presented by the Delaware Geographic Data Committee*

*In Memory of Vernon C. Svatos*

The Delaware Geographic Data Committee (DGDC) is proud to announce the continuation of a tradition that began in 2005: the **Delaware Geographic Service Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions by an individual or group to the geospatial data community in the state. The award is presented in memory of the late Vernon C. Svatos, and will be given at the 2008 Delaware GIS Conference, on April 23, 2008 at the Sheraton Conference Center, Dover, Delaware.

### **ABOUT THE AWARD**

This award is presented to an individual or group that has demonstrated outstanding service to the Delaware GIS Community. The recipient need not reside in the state, but contributions should relate directly to Delaware. It is the aim of the award to recognize those who, either through a single effort or project or through consistent commitment, have supported and fostered our geographic community.

### **ABOUT VERNON C. SVATOS**

Vern Svatos is considered by many to be one of the early pioneers of GIS in Delaware. From his early days with the Water Resources Agency (WRA) for New Castle County in the 1970s, through his career at the University of Delaware (having returned to the WRA after it was subsumed into the University), Vern demonstrated a commitment to the furtherance of geographic knowledge, and to the education and training of young people in the field he loved. His untimely passing was a great loss to the GIS and wider Geographic communities, but the lives he touched will keep his memory alive. Many of those he influenced have gone on to careers across the country in geospatial fields.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any individual or group is eligible for this award, but successful nominees should have a relationship to the geographic community of Delaware.

### **PROCEDURE**

- The nomination deadline is March 15, 2008.
- Nominations should come from a third party (no self-nominations), and can be secret (the nominee need not be informed of the nomination).
- Nominees will be judged based on the textual description of contributions made to the geographic community in Delaware.
- Nominations should include a completed nomination form and a one-page textual justification. Contact information is included on the nomination form; questions may be directed to:

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## ***NOMINATION FORM***

### ***2008 Delaware Geographic Service Award Presented by the Delaware Geographic Data Committee In Memory of Vernon C. Svatos***

**Deadline for Submission is March 15, 2008**

Award will be presented at the annual conference:  
**Delaware GIS 2008: A Spatial Network**

#### **Nominator's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Nominee's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Description:**

In one page or less, please describe the contributions to the Geography or GIS community by the nominee or the contributions made to promoting Geography or GIS in the development or implementation of a new project or program. Please be concise and as specific as possible. Acceptable forms are: hard copy, Microsoft Word, Adobe PDF, Rich Text Format (rtf), or plain text.

*Please forward Nomination Form and Description to:*

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