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UPCOMING EVENTS

ACM GIS Conference	Nov 7—9
National Congress of American Indians	Nov 11—16
GSDI 10 Conference	Feb 25—29
GITA's Annual Conference	March 9—21

For more information on FGDC events view the calendar at:

<http://www.fgdc.gov/calendar>

Carol Brandt Receives NSGIC Dedicated Service Award

Carol Brandt was posthumously awarded the Dedicated Service Award at the NSGIC Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin in September 2007. The award was established in honor of Carol who devoted a lifetime of service to the Federal government. Carol received a BA in Geography from the State University of New York Geneseo in 1976. She began her federal career at the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) in 1981. After almost 5 years at DMA, she decided to take a break from federal service to pursue other interests. In 1988, she joined the Census Bureau's Geography Division. In 1995, after 7 years of working on the TIGER files and other Census projects, she moved on to become the Spatial Database Manager at the U.S. DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). Shortly after she started at BTS, she became a supporter of NSGIC, attending her first conference in 1996. She also became active in the FGDC, participating in the Coordination Group and accompanying the U.S. DOT representative to the Steering Committee meetings. Carol flourished at BTS, and in 1999 she was promoted to Geospatial Information Program Manager. In that position, she received two Secretary's Awards from U.S. DOT. Early in 2007, Carol was promoted again, and she joined BTS Senior Staff as the Associate Director for Information Systems.

After a long bout with breast cancer, Carol passed away on July 9, 2007. Throughout her career, she was committed to efficient and effective government through the prudent adoption of geospatial information technologies. Carol is the first recipient of this award. The Dedicated Service Award is one of NSGIC's highest service recognition awards and a recipient's exemplary service must exceed the normal expectation of duty and have occurred over the length of a career.

Carol's dedication to her work was surpassed only by her dedication to her family, friends, and colleagues. She is greatly missed by those who knew her and were touched by her dedication, humor, compassion and friendship.



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2008 NSDI CAP Now Accepting Proposals

The NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) is an annual program to assist the geospatial data community through funding and other resources in implementing the components of the NSDI. This program is open to state, local and tribal governments, academia, commercial, and non-profit organizations. This program provides small seed grants to initiate sustainable on-going NSDI implementations. The program emphasizes partnerships, collaboration and the leveraging of geospatial resources in achieving its goals.

The 2008 National Spatial Data Infrastructure Cooperative Agreements Program opened in mid-October. Proposals can be submitted via Grants.gov until December 18, 2007. This year funding will go to an estimated 26 projects spread across six geospatial data categories. If you are interested in the program please visit the 2008 NSDI CAP Web page for information about the categories and eligibility and links to the full text of the announcement and Grants.gov. Also, new this year is a link to detailed information about how to submit a CAP proposal.

Reminder: The 2008 NSDI CAP closes for proposal submittal on December 18, 2007. Please note that if this is the first time for your organization to submit a proposal via Grants.gov it can take up to two weeks to get registered.

See <http://www.fgdc.gov/grants/2008CAP/2008CAPschedule> for more information.

CAP Funding Categories	Amount	In-kind Match	Approx Number of Awards
1. Metadata Trainer and Outreach Assistance	Up to \$25,000	50%	4
2. Best practices in Geospatial SOA	Up to \$100,000	100%	3
3. Fifty States Initiative	Up to \$50,000	50%	10
4. Joint Canadian and United States Spatial Data Infrastructure Project	Up to \$75,000	100%	1
5. Building data stewardship for The National Map and the NSDI	Up to \$50,000	100%	4
6. FGDC-Endorsed Standards Implementation Assistance and Outreach (excluding Metadata Standards)	Up to \$25,000	50%	4

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