CGIA AWARDS PROGRAM

Bring recognition to a colleague, project, or program. The visibility that goes with winning an award can be an important component to building credibility, gaining exposure, promoting a program, or garnering funding. Each year the California Geographic Information Association recognizes outstanding achievements in various aspects of GIS within California through its awards program. CGIA seeks nominations for outstanding individuals and organizations in the following categories:

- **Chairman's Award**: Granted to honor a person who has made outstanding contributions in the promotion, innovation, and/or use of GIS technology.
- **Exemplary Systems Award**: Granted for outstanding application of GIS technology representing innovative, elegant, or creative techniques.
- **Advancement of Collaboration Award**: Granted for outstanding inter-organization collaborative efforts in GIS.
- **Outstanding Internet Presentation Award**: Granted to the outstanding integration of GIS and web technologies demonstrating excellence in aesthetic presentation, functionality, ease of use, and overall user experience.
- **Excellence in Education Award**: Granted to the educational institution that displays extraordinary approach, contribution, development or commitment to GIS education in California.

An award is a pat on the back for the project team. It’s always a miracle when a project gets completed, and an award is a good way of acknowledging everyone’s efforts from top to bottom. Nominate a colleague, project, or program for a CGIA award by going to [www.cgia.org](http://www.cgia.org) and click on CGIA Awards. Nomination deadline is February 27, 2009.