



GSDI Small Grants Awards 2011-2012

The GSDI Association has announced the winners of the GSDI Small Grants Awards for 2011-2012.

Under the GSDI Small Grants Program, the GSDI Association, along with partners and participants, has allocated resources from the U.S. Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) [<http://www.fgdc.gov/>] and the GISCorps of The Urban and Regional Infrastructure Systems Association (URISA) [<http://www.giscorps.org/>], to fund a Small Grants Program to support national or sub-national activities that foster partnerships, develop in-country technical capacity, improve data compatibility and access, and increase political support for spatial data infrastructure and earth observations application development.

2011-2012 Small Grants

The GSDI Societal Impacts Committee is pleased to recommend the projects listed below listed as winners of the 2011-12 GSDI Small Grants. Additionally, URISA's GISCorps has invited six further projects to apply for geospatial professional services support. The awards were announced in February 2012.

Cash awards:

Africa

Ethiopia - Establishment of Geoportal (metadata and Clearinghouse Node) with Open Source Solutions for Environment Resources Management and Conservation

Primary Contact: Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre and Network (HoAREC/N); Melakeneh Gelet

Rwanda - Use of GIS and SDI in promoting Coffee Quality in Maraba Sector South Province of Rwanda

Primary Contact: Center for Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing Research, National University of Rwanda; Jean Pierre Hitimana

South Africa - Developing a Framework for South African SDI Education and Training

Primary Contact: Centre for Geoinformation Science, Dept of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology, University of Pretoria; Victoria Rautenbach

Asia-Pacific

Tajikistan - Introducing Cadastral Maps into National SDI of Tajikistan: Designing and Implementing a Pilot Project

Primary Contact: Design and Research Institute, FAZO (DRI FAZO); Foteh Kurbonov and Armen Asryan

Americas

Colombia - Linked Data and Spatial Data Infrastructures

Primary Contact: Research and Development for Geographic Information Centre (CIAF), Geographic Institute Agustín Codazzi; Elena Posada



Ecuador - Training in the Field of Metadata for the Implementation at National Level of Ecuadorian Metadata Profile (EMP)

Primary Contact: Sección Nacional del Ecuador del IPGH (Ecuadorian National Section of IPGH), Consejo Nacional de Geoinformación Conage - Senplades (National Council of Geoinformation); Miguel Ruano, Alejandra Repetto, María Gabriela Erazo

El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua - Gulf of Fonseca Surveying and Nautical Charting Stand Up and Planning Meeting

Primary Contact: Pan American Institute of Geography and History Institutional; Paul Cooper

Europe

Albania - Increasing the Understanding of SDI within the Albanian Geo-society by Promoting and Distributing SDI Cookbook 2009 in the Albanian Language

Primary Contact: South-East European Research Association on Geo Sciences (Geo-SEE); Bashkim Idrizi

Macedonia - Non-Governmental Organizations for Spatial Data Infrastructure - NGO4SDI

Primary Contact: Association for Geospatial Information in South-East Europe (AGISEE); Luka Jovičić

Cash awards and offer of professional services (from URISA GISCorps Volunteers) go to:

China - Multilingual (Four Languages) Place Name Data Base for Regional SDI

Primary Contact: Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography of Chinese Academy of Sciences; Alishir Kurban

Southern Africa - Knowledge Management System and Geographic Information System Project

Primary Contact: The Endangered Wildlife Trust; Brenda Daly

Uzbekistan - Stakeholder Analysis of Institutions in Uzbekistan Involved State Cadastres in Order to Increase Awareness on Implementation of Spatial Data Infrastructure

Primary Contact: National Center of Geodesy and Cartography of Uzbekistan; Nodir Mirzaev

Zimbabwe - Strengthening the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Effort in Zimbabwe Through the Establishment of Requisite Institution and Technological Structures

Primary Contact: The NSDI steering committee - Department of Geoinformatics and Surveying; T. P. Masarira

Zimbabwe - Zimbabwe Standards-based Web Mapping and Data Access Services Online Platform/Portal

Primary Contact: Savetech Solutions, Dept of Sustainable Environment & Development; Tawanda Manyangadze

Awarded the offer of **professional services from GISCorps**:

Russia - An Interregional Seminar “Creation of Infrastructure of Spatial Data for the Southern Urals (Russia)”

Primary Contact: South Ural State University; Valentina Maksimova and Olga Dyachenko.

For more information, please visit the GSDI Small Grants Program Web site here:

<http://gsdiassociation.org/index.php/projects/small-grants.html>