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Dear Committee,

OS Geo UK Conference Bid

I am writing on behalf of the GIS Research UK Steering Committee to provide my support for the UK Organizing Committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for the Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013 in Nottingham in the UK.

GIS Research UK is the annual academic research conference in the UK. GISRUK has met at different venues across the UK since 1992, and proved extremely popular with participants outside the academic community and from across Europe.

The time is right for FOSS4G to be held in the UK, as the use of open-source tools is particularly prominent in the higher education community. Perhaps more importantly, these tools are now being considered as viable alternatives across the public and private sectors.

We look forward to collaborating with the FOSS4G Conference and encouraging cross linkages between our respective communities.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair
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