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To:

The OSGeo Conference Committee

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Dear Members of the FOSS4G Conference Committee

On behalf of the AGI, I am pleased to support the UK Organizing Committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013 at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham, UK.

The AGI exists to represent the interests of the UK's geographic information (GI) industry; a wide-ranging group of public and private sector organisations, suppliers of GI software, hardware, data and services, consultants, academics and interested individuals. The AGI acts on behalf of the community as whole. Since its formal inception in 1989, it has built up a significant membership base and established itself as the respected voice in GI. The Mission of the AGI is to maximise the use of geographic information (GI) for the benefit of the citizen, good governance and commerce.

The AGI believes that the Free and Open Source sector is an increasingly important part of the geocommunity and it can offer a range of vital insights and benefits to the wider geospatial developer and user base. We positively welcome the prospect of the FOSS4G Conference coming to the UK. We look forward to actively supporting and participating in the event, as well as encouraging the open source geospatial community to come to Nottingham for FOSS4G 2013.

Yours faithfully



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