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To: The OSGeo Conference Committee

Dear Committee,

I am pleased to support the UK Organising Committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013 in Nottingham, UK.

We are now seeing a rapid increase in the take-up of open source solutions throughout the public sector, as well as in not-for-profit and private sector organisations. Dotted Eyes has been established for more than 20 years in the geographic information market, and its open source training courses and support programmes have contributed to overcoming any initial reluctance of customers to switch away from commercial software and data sets.

This trend makes next year the ideal time for the UK to host the FOSS4G Conference. I can confirm that the East Midlands Conference Centre is a superb venue for such an event, as I delivered a plenary presentation to the annual conference of the Association of Geographical Information there last year.

I look forward to actively participating in the FOSS4G Conference and encouraging the open source geospatial community to join us in Nottingham for FOSS4G 2013.

Yours faithfully

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