

OSGeo Conference Committee

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Dear Committee,

On behalf of the University of Reading, 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 in Nottingham, UK.

The UK has a vibrant community developing and using free and open source software for geospatial applications. In our University we are involved in a large number of relevant projects and programmes in which we develop and adapt geospatial software technologies for use in environmental science, bridging gaps between the GIS community and scientists in meteorology, oceanography and climate science. We have participated in FOSS4G before and found it an excellent conference. If it is hosted in the UK we will be able to take full participation and encourage our collaborators in academia, industry and government agencies to join us. Nottingham is an excellent venue for a conference such as this.

Yours faithfully,



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