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To
The OSGeo Conference Committee

EDINA fully supports the OSGeo:UK Chapter's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in Nottingham in 2013.

EDINA is a UK national academic data centre, which provides access to a range of online data services to UK academic institutions. EDINA also supports knowledge exchange and ICT capacity building both nationally and internationally. EDINA relies on Open Source software to deliver many of its services and a number of EDINA staff have attended previous FOSS4G events. FOSS4G is an important part of the free and open source community that brings developers and users together.

The use of free and open source software in the UK is increasing. Hosting FOSS4G 2013 in the UK will demonstrate that free and open source software is a viable alternative to proprietary software. The UK bid hopes to bring together users and developers from commercial, public and academic sectors by involving the AGI and a number of key academic user groups. EDINA fully supports this ethos and the UK bid to host FOSS4G in 2013.

Yours faithfully,

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