



To:  
The OSGeo Conference Committee

15<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Dear Committee,

On behalf of Maplecroft, 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.

In my role as Head of GIS for Maplecroft I manage a team of Analysts involved in the mapping of risk at the global level.

We regularly use free and opensource tools to process and manipulate global datasets, that are both raster and vector-based. The promotion and continued development of both Windows-based and Linux-based opensource GIS tools is extremely important to Maplecroft as a commercial organisation. A FOSS4G conference in 2013 in this country would help to bolster this development.

Where possible we look forward to actively participating and assisting in the promotion of the FOSS4G 2013 conference in Nottingham.

Best wishes,

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