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Dear : Ms. D. Newman

BID TO HOST THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN SOURCE GEOSPATIAL (OSGEO) FOUNDATIONS 2008 CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

It is with great pleasure that I have learnt of the Bid to host the Annual International Open Source Geospatial Foundations 2008 Conference to support Educators and children in South Africa as per the conference outline.

The Department of Education supports this Bid to hold the Annual International Open Source Geospatial conference in South Africa. I trust that the conference will be create an ideal opportunity for Educators in South Africa have to interact with their counterparts from all over the world. I trust that the children and schools will also be in a position to take part in this conference in one way or the other.

Should the Bid for this event succeed I can assure you of the Department's support.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Hindle

Director General of Education

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