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Direcção

Mr. Jeff McKenna
OSGeo VP Conferences

Lisbon, 2008/11/25

Dear Mr McKenna,

I am writing as Deputy Director General of Portuguese Geographic Institute (IGP) to submit a letter of support for the Barcelona bid to host the FOSS4G conference in 2010.

The Portuguese Geographic Institute is integrated into the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development and is the organization responsible for implementing the policy of geographical information in Portugal and also the development and coordination of the National System for Geographic Information (SNIG), the Portuguese Spatial Data Infrastructure.

Following the recommendations of the INSPIRE Directive, IGP provides OGC Web Service using UMN Mapserver and Maptools Chameleon components.

Holding the FOSS4G conference in Barcelona region would provide a valuable opportunity to increase the knowledge of Open Source GIS in Portugal due to its proximity.

Yours sincerely,

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