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Dear Mr. McKenna,

I am very pleased to present this letter of support on behalf of Aurensis SL for Barcelona's bid to be host of the FOSS4G Conference for the year 2010.

Aurensis [www.aurensis.com](http://www.aurensis.com) covers the entire technological spectrum of Territorial Information systems. This enables us to offer solutions based on different technological alternatives as we are partners with the main players involved in the sector. Since 2008 Aurensis is part of the Telespazio Group [www.telespazio.com](http://www.telespazio.com), a European leader in the Earth Observation sector and a world leader in satellite services.

A great number of open source geospatial efforts are active in Spain, State and Regional governments have a strong commitment with the Open source initiatives and research groups at several universities and private companies, as well, are working in several projects. Hosting the FOSS4G Conference in Barcelona would be an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the use of FOSS in the European geospatial community.

Barcelona is a beautiful and modern city, and has a wonderful reputation for staging major events. Its successes in recent years are a true reflection of its international standing. Recently Barcelona has been chosen as the seat of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean [www.bcneuromed.es](http://www.bcneuromed.es). This initiative aims to create an "area of peace, stability, security and shared prosperity, as well as full respect of democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms and promotion of understanding between cultures and civilizations in the Euro-Mediterranean region".

As a Mediterranean city, Barcelona has a wonderful weather practically all year round and an intensive cultural life, which offers plenty of opportunities for socialising and city exploring in the down-time.

Aurensis looks forward to welcoming members of the Open Source Spatial community in Barcelona, Spain, in 2010.

Yours sincerely,

  
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