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MISSOULA COUNTY RECEIVES SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL APPLICATION OF GEOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY

Missoula County's Geographic Information Systems' (GIS) staff received a special achievement in GIS award at the 30th annual Esri International User conference this summer. County staff will present the award to County Commissioners and other key staff at the Commissioners' public meeting on Wednesday, November 17th in Room 201 of the County Courthouse Annex. Missoula County was selected for the Special Achievement Award in GIS from more than 300,000 organizations worldwide.

This year, the Missoula County administration made a decision to implement an Enterprise License Agreement for its Esri software licensing and begin the process of implementing an enterprise approach to the County's use of GIS technology in government. Developing and supporting an enterprise approach to GIS at Missoula County eliminates duplication, coordinates efforts, better engages the public, and modernizes the process by which Missoula County makes land-based decisions and develops policy.

"We created the Special Achievement in GIS Award to recognize our users' extraordinary contributions to global society," says Esri president Jack Dangermond.

"We're excited about the award," says Doug Burreson, Mapping/GIS Supervisor for Missoula County. "We continue to strive to bring efficiency to complex land-based decisions, and this award recognizes the efforts of a number of hard working County employees in the world of GIS."

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