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2015 URISA Exemplary Systems in Government Award Recipients Announced

URISA has announced the recipients of **2015 Exemplary Systems in Government** (ESIG) Awards. URISA's ESIG Awards have recognized extraordinary achievements in the use of geospatial information technology to improve the delivery and quality of government services. Applications were submitted within **Enterprise** and **Single Process System** categories. The **2015 Enterprise System Category Winner** is the **Regional Municipality of York, Ontario Canada** submitted by **John Houweling, Director, Geographic Information Services Branch**. The enterprise GIS system brings together elements of corporate and regional priorities to support citizens and staff access to information in a timely manner. The **2015 Single System Category Winner** is **Pierce County, Tacoma, Washington**, submitted by **Den-nis Hanberg, Planning and Land Services Director**. Pierce County recognized the need to process building permits in a more efficient manner while upholding building standards to ensure public safety. The award competition is open to all public agencies at the federal, state/provincial, regional and local levels. www.urisa.org.

PEOPLE

David DiSera Named Vice President of Professional Services at RAMTeCH

RAMTeCH Software Solutions, Inc., has announced that **David DiSera** has joined the RAMTeCH team as **Vice President of Professional Services**. He joins RAMTeCH as a part of its growth plan to focus on asset management solutions that are complementary to its traditional geospatial data management and professional services. "The addition of Dave to our team is another important step toward expanding RAMTeCH's offering to the utility, telecommunication, and government markets for geospatial and engineering services," said **Darrell Rhodes, Senior Vice President - North America, RAMTeCH**. DiSera added: "I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the RAMTeCH team. I look forward to working with RAMTeCH and its partners to continue offering leading-edge geospatial technology and data services." DiSera specializes in GIS/IT, which encompasses all aspects of GIS, including Critical Infrastructure and Networking and Security. www.ramtech-corp.com



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Textron Systems promotes Daryl Madden to Geospatial Solutions' Senior VP and General Manager

Textron Systems has promoted **Daryl Madden** to **Senior Vice President and General Manager** of its **Geospatial Solutions** business. He reports directly to **Textron Systems President and CEO Ellen Lord** and serves as a member of the **Textron Systems Executive Leadership Team**. In this role, Madden sets the strategic path for the Geospatial Solutions business, supervises development of new products and oversees the execution of customer programs. The business provides a wide-range of products and services for visualizing, interpreting and managing geospatial data in ways that improve situational understanding and deliver actionable intelligence to the user. "I'm confident Daryl will further enhance the position of our Geospatial Solutions business as an industry-leading provider of geospatial analysis, visualization and data management solutions to U.S. and international customers in both defense and commercial markets," said Lord. www.textron.com

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Dr. Mark Whorton to manage US operations as President of Teledyne Optech

Dr. Mark Whorton is now the **President of the US organization Teledyne Optech, Inc.** In this role, Dr. Whorton will oversee US operations and apply his expertise to the development of the **Optech Coastal Zone Mapping and Imaging Lidar (CZMIL)** and the line of digital aerial cameras. "We are excited to have Dr. Whorton applying his leadership skills at Teledyne Optech," said Don Carswell. "His expertise in passive sensors from the MUSES project will benefit the CS line of cameras developed at our New York office and the Optech CZMIL lidar/hyperspectral bathymeter developed at our Mississippi office." "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to join Teledyne Optech and help continue the technical excellence that makes Teledyne Optech such an important part of the broader Teledyne family of companies," said Dr. Whorton. www.teledyneoptech.com.



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ASPRS Launches New Lidar Certification

The **American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS)** certification program has launched **Professional and Technologist LIDAR Certification**, the **Certified Mapping Scientists, Lidar (CMS, Lidar)** and the **Certified Lidar Technologist (CLT)**. The **Certified Mapping Scientist, Lidar** certification is described as: A professional involved in lidar systems design and/or systems application of data acquisition and computer programs that allow for the utilization of spatially referenced lidar point clouds for solving user needs and analysis requirements. Responsibilities of the applicant should include management and supervision leading to the integration of data needs and the development of correspondence among, and the utilization of, various spatial systems of often-different generic origins that are used to solve requirements. The **Certified Lidar Technologist certification** is described as: A technician who performs routine Lidar collection support and first level data processing integrating established plans and procedures. With this launch, the ASPRS education program expands to include nine certificate programs serving the geospatial industry. www.asprs.org/Certification-Program.

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MapAction Wins Multiple Gold and Silver Awards at the Stevie International Business Awards

MapAction has won four **Stevie International Business Awards**, which will be formally presented on October 23rd 2015 in Toronto, Canada. MapAction, the only volunteer-driven charity of its kind worldwide, provides rapid on-the-ground mapping to aid agencies in response to humanitarian emergencies. Most recently it deployed 13 personnel to assist in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake. The charity was recognised in the following categories: **Company of the Year - Gold award, Management Team of the Year** (outside of North America) - **Gold award, Chairman of the Year, Roy Wood - Silver award, Support Team of the Year, MapAction's Operational Support Team volunteers - Silver award**. Comments from the judges on MapAction's submissions included: "A much needed resource helping those who most need it. Innovative and inspirational" and "An excellent project, much needed in emergencies, with a clearly defined team and impressive accomplishments." www.mapaction.org

