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City of Houston Receives Special Achievement Award for Exceptional Application of Geospatial Technology

Houston, Texas — July 15, 2011 The City of Houston Planning and Development's Geographic Information Services (GIS) Division received a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award at the Esri International User Conference (Esri UC) in San Diego, California held July 13, 2011. This award acknowledges vision, leadership, hard work, and innovative use of Esri's geographic information system (GIS) technology.

The award was specifically given for the creation of the city's Enterprise GIS and the online My City application. The goal of the Enterprise GIS was to make critical GIS data transparently accessible across city departments, increase collaboration with departments, decrease redundancy among departments, enhance citizens' access to public information, integrate with regional entities and provide critical support and resources to decision makers.

Through My City, citizens can access mapped information such as street maps, aerial imagery, utility services, permitting, parcel addresses, solid waste services, tax data, political boundaries, land use and much more.

Organizations from around the world honored at the Esri UC, span industries including agriculture, cartography, climate change, defense and intelligence, economic development, education, government, health and human services, telecommunications, and utilities.

"The SAG Awards highlight extraordinary achievements and efforts to improve our world," says Esri president Jack Dangermond. "Each year I look forward to being part of this ceremony. It is a tradition that means a great deal to Esri and to GIS professionals."

For more information about the 2011 Special Achievement in GIS Award winners, including project information and photos, please visit www.esri.com/sag. Houston's My City application can be viewed at <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/home/>.

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