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**The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards**

**Ottawa, July 19, 2011** – The fourth annual David Thompson National Geomatics Awards were presented at the Gala Dinner of the National Surveyors' Conference, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

Winning the “Innovation in Geomatics” category was McElhanney Associates (Jim Christie, BCLS, CLS) for the project entitled “GPS Monitoring of BC Place Stadium Roof”. Finalists were Underhill & Underhill (Christopher El-Araj, BCLS) for the project entitled “Science World” and the MMM Group (Rocky Annett, ALS, CLS) for the project entitled “The BOW”.

In the category “Contribution to Society”, the winner was MMM Group (Murray Shantz, OLS) for the project entitled “Holy Cities”. The finalist was GENIVAR (Brandon MacDonald, NBLs) for the project entitled “New Brunswick Wind Farm”.

In the category “Unusual Application in Geomatics”, the winner was McElhanney Associates (Jim Christie, BCLS, CLS) for the project entitled “Capilano Suspension Bridge”. The finalists were Underhill & Underhill (Christopher El-Araj, BCLS) for the project entitled “Science World” and the MMM Group (Rocky Annett, ALS, CLS) for the project entitled “The BOW”.

The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program is open to all commissioned surveyors who are members of a Canadian surveying association, submitting projects that have been completed within the last three years.

The deadline for submissions for next year's awards is **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012**.



*Photos: ACLS President, Richard Beaumont, presenting plaques to winners left: Jim Christie, and right: Rocky Annett accepting for Murray Shantz*

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS) introduced the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program in cooperation with all professional surveying associations across Canada through the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS) (Now Professional Surveyors Canada (PSC)).

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