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The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards

Ottawa, June 4, 2010 – The third annual David Thompson National Geomatics Awards were presented at the Gala Dinner of the National Surveyors' Conference, May 8th at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Winning the "Innovation in Geomatics" category was Fugro Jacques Geosurveys Inc. (Patrick Byrne, CLS) for the project entitled "Accuracy and Precision in 120 metres of water". Finalists were Information Brokerage Ltd. (Ian Edwards, NLS, CLS) for the project entitled "Regional Assessment System" and the MMM Group (Murray Shantz, OLS) for the project entitled "Langstaff Trunk Sanitary Sewer Laser Scan".

In the category "Contribution to Society", the winner was Hydrographic and Geodetic Consulting (David Gray, CLS) for the project entitled "Geographic Definition of a Maritime Boundary in Guyana". The finalist were Information Brokerage Ltd. (Ian Edwards, NLS, CLS) for the project entitled "Regional Assessment System" and Stewart Weir & Co. Ltd. (Paul Dixon, ALS, CLS) for the project entitled "Bitumont Provincial Historical Site 3D Laser Scanning and GPS Survey".

In the category "Unusual Application in Geomatics", the winner was McElhanney Associates (Jim Christie, BCLS, CLS) for the project entitled "LIDAR/GPS Terrain Modeling for Hydraulic Design and Evacuation Planning". The finalist were Fugro Jacques Geosurveys Inc. (Patrick Byrne, CLS) for the project entitled "Accuracy and Precision in 120 metres of water" and the MMM Group (Murray Shantz, OLS) for the project entitled "Langstaff Trunk Sanitary Sewer Laser Scan".

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 31st, 2011**.



Photos: ACLS President, George Schlagentweit, presenting plaques to winners from top left: Patrick Byrne, David Gray and Jim Christie

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).

The ACLS is a national self-regulating professional association. It has 600 members located across Canada (and the world), with expertise in surveying, photogrammetry, remote sensing, geodesy, hydrography and land

information systems. For details, please visit: www.acls-aatc.ca

The CCLS is the national forum of the Canadian surveyors associations, facilitating national consensus-based strategies and providing national and international representation within the geomatics profession. For more information, please visit: www.ccls-ccag.ca

For details on the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program, please visit: <http://www.acls-aatc.ca/en/node/27>

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