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## **ESRI Names Azavea Inc. Business Partner of the Year for the Philadelphia Region**

**Philadelphia, PA – March 30, 2010** – [Azavea Inc.](#) (formerly Avencia), a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software design and development firm was awarded the ESRI Business Partner of the Year Award for the Philadelphia region at the [2010 ESRI Worldwide Business Partner Conference](#) in Palm Springs, California. ESRI President, Jack Dangermond presented the award to Robert Cheetham, Azavea’s President and CEO. The Business Partner of the Year award is given to the partner who, "made considerable contributions in the field of geographic information system technology and to ESRI over the past year".

Azavea provides clients access to advanced geospatial technologies through highly-crafted and easy-to-use web software, and personalized geospatial analysis services. Their goal is to combine their extensive experience solving tough geospatial analysis problems, strong customer service, and a profound motivation to “do well by doing good” in order to help their clients create more dynamic, vibrant communities. Azavea works with clients in the fields of natural resource planning, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, crime analysis, real estate property analysis, redistricting, political advocacy, and cultural resources, to name a few.

This is the third time that Azavea has received an award from ESRI. This award follows Azavea’s recognition by ESRI as Business Partner-of-the-Year in 2006 and Foundation Partner of the Year award in 2007 (at the time the company was named ‘Avencia’). In 2006, the City of Philadelphia also won a Special Achievement in GIS award for DecisionMaps, a solution developed by Azavea that became a prototype for what has since become Azavea’s DecisionTree® product.

“We’re honored and proud to receive this prestigious award from ESRI,” said Robert Cheetham, President and CEO of Azavea. “We stand at the cusp of an age when geospatial analysis capabilities will be both ubiquitous and critical to solving the problems faced by our communities, cities and the planet. Azavea works closely with ESRI to leverage its leading edge web and analytical products, such as ArcGIS Server and ArcGIS Online, to create solutions that both address these types of challenges and create social value. This award is a tribute to both Azavea’s staff and the clients with whom we collaborate. Azavea’s solutions for managing our heritage, communicating with our elected officials, making our streets safer and supporting better economic development and planning decisions all benefit from our strategic partnership with ESRI.”

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**About Azavea (formerly Avencia)**

[Azavea](#) is an award-winning geospatial analysis (GIS) software development firm specializing in the creation of location-based web and mobile solutions, as well as geospatial analysis services to enhance decision-making processes. Azavea is committed to working on projects with a strong social value component in order to promote the emergence of more [dynamic, vibrant, and sustainable communities](#). Each of Azavea's projects, products and pro bono engagements showcases this commitment. Azavea is a certified [B Corporation](#). For more information, visit <http://www.azavea.com/>

If you would like more information about Azavea or to schedule an interview with Robert Cheetham, Azavea CEO and President, please contact Abby Fretz at (215) 701 – 7503 or e-mail [afretz@azavea.com](mailto:afretz@azavea.com).

**About ESRI**

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