

## ESRI International User Conference 2006

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### Philadelphia Mayor's Office Receives Honors for Exceptional Work Using GIS Technology

**San Diego, California**—The Philadelphia Mayor's Office— GIS Services Group will be recognized for excellence in the geographic information system (GIS) field with a 2006 Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) award at the Twenty- sixth Annual ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, California. ESRI, the world leader in GIS software, presents the award to organizations and agencies that display dedication and commitment through their use of GIS technology. The winners of the award are chosen out of more than 150,000 organizations worldwide.

"The SAG awards celebrate the achievement and vision of innovators in the GIS field," says Jack Dangermond, ESRI president. "Each winner brings benefits to their communities and influences others to do the same."

A GIS is a collection of computer hardware, software, and geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information. With a GIS, users can link information to location data such as people to addresses, buildings to parcels, or streets within a network. This innovative technology enables users to layer the information and present a visual representation for analysis that leads to more informed decisions and a better understanding of their communities, businesses, and the environment.

The Philadelphia GIS Services Group uses GIS technology to supply information, analytical tools, and decision support across city agencies and to the public. Major GIS initiatives include the creation of a new parcel layer, development of a comprehensive address management system, implementation of a Unified Land Records System, creation of Web-based tools that deliver city data, and many other projects.

The city's CityMaps is a Web site that delivers geographic information to the public. It allows anyone with Web access to enter a city address and view aerial photography and zoning maps, as well as find the nearest facilities and city service areas. This application enables citizens to access information based on their individual needs.

Some of the other organizations being honored at the 2006 User Conference include The Royal Court, Kingdom of Bahrain; USGS National Wetlands Research Center; Geological Survey of Austria; City of Philadelphia Mayor Office; Library of Congress; Nova Scotia Community College Centre of Geographic Sciences; Missouri Botanical Gardens; and Charlotte County, Florida.

To learn more about all of the 2006 SAG Award winners as well as previous years' winners, visit [www.esri.com/sag](http://www.esri.com/sag). Visit [www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com) for more information about GIS technology

and its applications.

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### About ESRI

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