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USGIF Calls for Geospatial Intelligence Awards Program Nominations

Herndon, Va., July 24, 2006—Influential and innovative members of the geospatial intelligence community as well as customers that have experienced exceptional service and solutions within the geospatial intelligence community are being asked to nominate deserving peers for the 2006 United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) Awards Program. Nomination forms are available to download from the foundation's website at www.usgif.org.

Those who have made outstanding contributions to the geospatial tradecraft will again be recognized this year at the GEOINT 2006 Symposium Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Banquet, which will be held on the last night of the symposium, Thursday, Nov. 16 (www.geoint2006.com).

“The USGIF Awards Program highlights the important contributions that professionals, companies and government agencies are making in the geospatial intelligence discipline,” said K. Stuart Shea, USGIF president and chairman of the board of directors. “This work, too often unsung, deserves special recognition, and so this Awards Program recognizes the commitment to excellence exhibited throughout our tradecraft.”

The prestigious USGIF Awards Program comprises three categories that recognize members of the geospatial intelligence community who have produced or participated in exceptional geospatial intelligence tradecraft activities.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented, upon selection by the USGIF board, to an influential member of the geospatial intelligence community for his or her extended commitment and dedication to the geospatial intelligence tradecraft.

The Geospatial Academic Achievement Award commends the achievements of the top graduate of a nationally recognized geospatial intelligence academic program as well as the organization or individual that demonstrates the top geospatial intelligence research program or project.

The Geospatial Intelligence Achievement Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the tradecraft by an individual or team from each of three sectors: government, industry, and military.

Collectively, these programs recognize the substantive achievements of a variety of individuals and organizations, from promising students to high-achieving corporate, government, and military teams, and individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of leadership in the geospatial intelligence field.

Foundation members, the USGIF board of directors, academic institutions, military commands, and federal, state and local government organizations are all invited to nominate individuals and teams for the USGIF Awards Program.

For more information about the awards program, to nominate a person or team, or to read more about last year's award winners, please visit the foundation website at *www.usgif.org*.

The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation is a Virginia-based nonstock, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. The foundation is dedicated to promoting the geospatial intelligence tradecraft and developing a stronger community of interest between government, industry, academia, professional organizations and individuals who share a mission focus around the development and application of geospatial intelligence data and geo-processing resources to address national security objectives.

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