GUIDELINES FOR GSDI SMALL GRANTS APPLICANTS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2017

BACKGROUND

The GSDI Association has been making Small Grants Program awards since 2003 – our longest running project. These grants are for $2,500. Although this is not a large amount of money, in emerging nations and developing SDI's, it can go a long way toward SDI preparedness, for building some component of an SDI and/or to add to SDI sustainability. It may also help to engage other organizations in collaboration and additional co-funding.

In 2017, we plan to award up to 4 grants in cash from our own financial reserves. The GSDI Association greatly appreciates past support for the Small Grants program from GeoConnections in Canada, the FGDC in the U.S., and URISA's GISCorps.

This set of Guidelines were developed to enhance consistency in assessing the applications received. Applications must be **returned no later than 1 June 2017** to be considered for the Small Grant Awards.

The Call for Proposals documentation, including the '**Application Submission Guidelines – 2017**' can be downloaded from the GSDI web site, as well as information about previous awards to give applicants some background on the types of projects that have been awarded grants in the past. All applications should be submitted in the format set out in the 'Application Submission Guidelines' to be assessed and considered for an award. Please take into consideration the 'Criteria for Assessment' set out below when considering your proposal.

See **http://gsdiassociation.org/index.php/projects/small-grants.html**.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

- The **principal focus** of this program is to help those organizations that are contributing to and (or) building SDIs. Proposals centered on GIS, GPS, remote sensing, information distribution, and semi-related topics that do not focus on SDI developments will not be considered.

- **National efforts** are preferred. However, sub-national, regional, and some industry requests may be considered and recommended for funding, as long as they relate to development of SDI.

- We want to contribute to **projects or programs that have already started building an SDI**. Therefore, a program that has seen this grant opportunity and has decided to start collecting data, because it may receive money, will not be considered. Organizations should have started their SDI efforts well before this Call for Proposals. There should be a plan for sustaining the SDI project or program in the months and years to come.

- We need to know who is the **Principal Investigator**. Is this an appropriate person within the context of the agency or organization for proposing this project?

- **Collaboration** with other organizations inside a country is good and may add points to the ranking of a proposal. Collaboration with neighbors and regional or global organizations is also good.

- We can award **more than one grant per country** provided that the proposals come from two different organizations within the country that focus on different aspects of SDI development and implementation in that country. However, only one grant will be awarded per organization.

- It is preferred that the awards go to **new or developing organizations** that have not received a GSDI award in the past in developing nations or emerging economies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at **smallgrants@gsdi.org**.

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