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The First David Thompson National Geomatics Awards

Ottawa, June 28, 2007 – The inaugural awards have been presented at the Gala Dinner of the National Surveyors' Conference on June 22 at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel in Québec City, Québec.



The winner for the “Innovation in Geomatics” category was David C. Bazett, BCLS, CLS of Bazett Land Surveying Inc. with the Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal project. Finalists were Jim Christie, BCLS of McElhanney Consulting and Joseph Lin, OLS, of the Ontario Realty Corporation.

In the category “Contribution to Society”, the winner was Ian Edwards, NLS, CLS of Edwards and Associates Ltd. and Information Brokerage Ltd. for the Land Gazette project. Finalists were John MacInnis, NSLS, Chairman of the NLS Board of Examiners, and John Blair, BCLS, CLS of McElhanney Consulting.





And finally, the winner for the “Unusual Applications in Geomatics” category was John Blair, BCLS, CLS of McElhanney Consulting for the Land Administration/Land Titling in Landmine Contaminated project in Northwestern Cambodia.

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS) introduced the new David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program in cooperation with all professional surveying associations across Canada through the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS).

All commissioned surveyors, who are members of a Canadian surveying association, and who submit projects that have been completed within the last three years are eligible. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, February 29th, 2008.**

The ACLS is a national self-regulating professional association. It has 560 members located across Canada (and the world), who have 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: www.acls-aatc.ca/ENGLISH/awards/award.htm. For details on the National Surveyors’ Conference, visit: www.acls-aatc.ca/ENGLISH/agm/agm.htm.

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