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Esri Awards GIS Users for Improving Social, Environmental, and Economic Outcomes

Organizations in Public, Private, and Academic Sectors Recognized for Achievements at Annual User Conference

REDLANDS, Calif.—July 14, 2021—During the 41st annual User Conference, [Esri](#), the global leader in location intelligence, announced the recipients of the prestigious President's Award, Enterprise GIS, and Making a Difference Award. All award recipients were lauded for constructing a more sustainable and equitable future by using geospatial technology to improve their communications, communities, and environments.

"This year's awardees have demonstrated how geospatial technology can transform operations and research that lead to better decision-making and outcomes," said Jack Dangermond, Esri founder and president. "We are proud to showcase the ways these organizations exemplify the use of GIS to innovate data sharing, sustainable growth, and social equity."

Award recipients included the following:

- **President's Award**
The University of Michigan was recognized for being a model for the higher education community in how to become a true geospatial university. They have established themselves as a leader in enabling and supporting its community through the implementation of a large-scale, campus-wide GIS where faculty, staff, and students in all disciplines implement GIS as an innovative tool in research, learning, and administration. This has enabled numerous initiatives across campus such as field research programs in geology, archaeology, and biology, scholarship research in digital humanities, and antiracism studies.
- **Enterprise GIS Award**
The Louisville/Jefferson County Information Consortium (LOJIC) was recognized for bringing together decision makers to understand the interconnection of systems within their region and share data and applications across 1,300 spatial databases. The four partners that comprise LOJIC have leveraged GIS for office applications, field work, asset management, citizen engagement, emergency response and fair and equitable property assessments, thus identifying GIS as critical infrastructure to their operations.
- **Making a Difference Award**
Nespresso was recognized for their dedication to ensure quality, productivity, and social and environmental sustainability in coffee sourcing. Leveraging GIS to bring farmer, landscape, community, and climate together, Nespresso worked to create positive impact across all aspects of the business. The company also announced growth for 2020 despite global challenges, proving that smart, data-driven companies can both do well economically and do good for the environment and society.

The Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award winners were also recognized at the 2021 Esri User

Conference. Esri honored individuals, groups, and institutions from across the globe in a dedicated awards section [online](#).

To learn more about the Esri User Conference, visit esri.com/uc.

About Esri

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