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West Jordan GIS team receives special achievement award for exceptional application of geospatial technology

WEST JORDAN, UTAH – The City of West Jordan was recently honored with a “Special Achievement in GIS Award” at the 2015 Esri International User Conference. West Jordan was one of 170 teams honored from 350,000 organizations around the world for vision, leadership, hard work and innovative use of Esri’s geographic information system technology. Esri’s Denver Regional Office nominated the West Jordan team. More than 16,000 people attended the conference, which was held in San Diego. West Jordan was the only Utah organization to receive a SAG Award.

West Jordan uses Esri ArcGIS technology to provide residents and staff with web-based maps that package diverse information ranging from a parks and rec finder to a city services map and more. “Our goal is to create easy-to-use, web-based interactive maps and to find ways to promote the many different maps we provide,” said Clint Hutchings, GIS Administrator. (To see examples of the award winning maps visit <http://west-jordan-city.maps.arcgis.com/home/>)

The importance of maps as part of the city’s communications efforts was highlighted in December 2014 when West Jordan was targeted as a potential site to build a new state prison. Residents and city leaders opposed the location and launched a campaign to highlight the drawbacks of the proposed West Jordan site.

“Maps created by the GIS team played a vital role in providing the necessary information to get West Jordan removed from the list,” said Mayor Kim V. Rolfe. “Not only are maps an important part of our communications efforts, they are also used regularly to track and catalogue city assets and infrastructure. Our GIS team excels at using the latest GIS technology to present information in a user friendly fashion.”

“The SAG Awards identify the organizations and people who are using the power of geography to make our world a better place,” said Esri president Jack Dangermond. “At Esri we are always deeply inspired by the passion and innovation of our users. They deserve recognition for their invaluable contributions to their communities and the continued evolution of geographic science.”

For more information, contact Kim Wells, City of West Jordan public information officer, at 801-569-5163. More information about the 2015 Special Achievement in GIS Award winners, including project information and photos, can be found online at esri.com/sag.

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Left to right: West Jordan GIS team Andrew Thorup, Sheldon Baumgartner, Esri president Jack Dangermond, Clint Hutchings and Marlene Vigil were honored at the 2015 Esri User Conference with a Special Achievement in GIS award for outstanding work with GIS technology.

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