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To

The OSGeo Conference Committee

Dear Committee,

On behalf of the London Borough of Hackney, I am pleased to support the UK Organizing Committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013 in Nottingham, UK.

We do believe that the Open Source Software Initiative is important, as organisations are being driven in adopting the OSS on two grounds: firstly, the principle of accessing the source code, free licence and collaborative participation in a new development model; secondly: pragmatism of cost, the relative advantage of the software and compatibility with the existing architecture. Organisations are facing a number of different challenges and different approaches to address them; Hackney would be the primary example with its case study of a Map.Hackney application.

We look forward to actively participating in the FOSS4G Conference and encouraging the open source geospatial community to join us in Nottingham for FOSS4G 2013.

Best wishes,

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