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## City of Grand Island Receives Special Achievement Award for Exceptional Application of Geography Technology

**San Diego, California—July 14, 2010**—The City of Grand Island received a [Special Achievement in GIS \(SAG\) Award](#) today at the 30th Annual [Esri International User Conference](#) (Esri UC) in San Diego, California. They received this honor for their vision, leadership, hard work, and innovative use of Esri's geographic information system (GIS) technology. The City of Grand Island was selected from more than 300,000 organizations worldwide.

"We created the Special Achievement in GIS Award to recognize our users' extraordinary contributions to global society," says Esri president Jack Dangermond. "Each year, I look forward to being part of this ceremony; it's a tradition that has gained great meaning and importance for professionals in the GIS industry."

GIS combines computer hardware; software; data; and, most importantly, people to collect, manage, and analyze geographic information. Virtually any information can be linked to a geographic location, helping people see that information as part of a complete picture. With GIS, users can view relationships, processes, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, globes, reports, and charts. Whether they are responding to a natural disaster, growing a business, or sharing information with the public, GIS helps them solve problems and make smart decisions. More than one million people worldwide rely on GIS to learn and plan geographically.

Organizations being honored at the Esri UC, the world's largest GIS event, span countries and industries including agriculture, cartography, climate change, defense and intelligence, economic development, education, government, health and human services, telecommunications, and utilities. More information about the 2010 Special Achievement in GIS Award winners, including project information and photos, are available at [www.esri.com/sag](http://www.esri.com/sag).