

Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Open Source Geospatial Foundation
and

The Centre for Geospatial Science, The University of Nottingham, UK.

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The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a collaborative relationship between the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) and the Centre for Geospatial Science (CGS) of The University of Nottingham. Both parties to this MOU share the goal of developing collaboration opportunities for academia, industry and government organisations in open source GIS software and data in the UK.

The MOU covers the following proposals and topics:

- Establishment of a research laboratory for supporting development of open-source geospatial software technologies, training and expertise.
- Development of collaboration opportunities for academia, industry and government organizations in open source GIS for the purpose of creating a sustainable ecosystem for open source GIS in the UK. [partners from academia, industry and government will be invited to be part of this initiative].
- Provision of internship opportunities for high quality students.
- Provision [by CGS] of initial hardware and infrastructure facilities for the lab and of first phase internships for 2 open source projects.
- Promotion of OSGeo activities in the UK and provision of opportunities for students and researchers to work on OSGeo related projects.
- Location of the proposed Laboratory within the Centre for Geospatial Science at the University of Nottingham and its initial management by Dr Suchith Anand.
- Establishment of an Advisory Board/Steering Committee coordinated by the OSGeo Board and CGS, to be comprised of key members of OSGeo, OSGeo:UK, eminent academics, industry leaders, etc. to give strategic input and direction for OSGL and its open source activities.

This MOU will be reviewed annually by both parties at which time revisions may be made and the agreement renewed.

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