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Re: <u>Grant Funding for Infrastructure for education and research programme – Geospatial</u> Strand

I hereby confirm my support for the "An e-Learning Framework for Using Geospatial Open Data, Open Source and Open Standards (ELO-Geo)" proposal being submitted by the Centre for Geospatial Science (CGS) at the University of Nottingham.

The Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo), is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to support and promote the collaborative development of open geospatial technologies and data. The foundation provides financial, organizational and legal support to the broader open source geospatial community. The Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) and the Centre for Geospatial Science (CGS), University of Nottingham have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of an Open Source Geospatial Lab (OSGL) and to develop collaboration opportunities for academia, industry and government organizations in open source GIS software and data in the UK. CGS has been actively contributing to the Open Source Geospatial domain within the UK and is involved in multiple Open Source geospatial initiatives. Open Source Geospatial Foundation identifies and supports education and outreach as key areas and this project will be beneficial for this.

I strongly recommend this project and I very much hope that this bid will succeed as the results will have wide practical value to the broad geospatial community globally.

Sincerely,

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