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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager
From: Brenda Cooper, Chief Information Officer
Date: August 21, 2008
Subject: Special Achievement in GIS Award

RECOMMENDATION

Council acknowledge the GIS staff and other city staff for receiving ESRI's Special Achievement in GIS Award.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

GIS and other city staff should be recognized for making effective use of GIS for daily decisions. Council's steady recognition of the importance of our GIS systems to many programs of the city from public safety to planning to parks is responsible for our ability to excel.

Environmental Systems Research, Inc, awarded the City of Kirkland GIS team with a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award on August 6, 2008, at the 28th Annual ESRI International User Conference (ESRI UC) in San Diego, California.

The [City of Kirkland's GIS program](#) involves three components: data access, GIS products, such as digital maps and thematic atlases, and services such as project management, spatial analysis, and community outreach. A large portion of the City's 350 employees uses GIS tools regularly. Proven to be a value-added system in many ways, the City's GIS offers benefits from high quality spatial data for use in their business activities to emergency dispatch and pre-fire planning. In the future, the city plans to continue to implement GIS, expand training activities, and increase regional GIS effectiveness by embedding GIS more smoothly into city systems.

"At ESRI, we are always deeply impressed by the innovation of our users," says Jack Dangermond, ESRI president. "We want to recognize the efforts of these individuals with our Special Achievement in GIS Award. This recognition is well deserved for how they've applied geospatial technology to address the needs of their industries and communities. They are defining GIS best practices."

