2026 Award Nomination

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Date: September 15, 2026	**Category:** ● Lifetime Achievement Award □ Individual Contribution to the Profession □ GIS Champion □ Geospatial Applications (skip to Applications entry form below)
Nominee (please include name, address, phone, and email) Robert Dorf, robertclaydorf@gmail.com; 917-674-5181	
Submitted by (please include name, address, phone, and email) **Alan Leidner, 299 Riverside Drive, Brooklyn NY 10025, 917-455-2834**	
Sector: ● Local Government □ State Government □ Tribal Government □ Private (For Profit) □ Private (non-Profit) □ Academic	**Functional Area:** □ Transportation □ Urban Planning □ Emergency Response □ Environmental □ Infrastructure ● Other (please note) _____
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Description of Contribution. (Attach separate file or pages as necessary)

Robert (Bob) Dorf is a lawyer who with his wife Wendy Dorf have been invaluable members of NYC GISMO and the NYS GIS Association for decades. Bob has provided needed legal expertise to GISMO since he first joined in the early 1990's. He contributed appropriate legal language for GISMO's legislative initiative to amend the NYC Charter to provide for a GIO, a GIS Steering Committee, and GIS strategic plan. He has also provided guidance on financial and taxation issues. Bob has taught GIS related law classes at Hunter College's Department of Geography. Following the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, Bob made trips to downtown Manhattan to retrieve important documents and supported the work of the Emergency Mapping and Data Center that was established on Pier 92. Bob has been a steady presence in the NYC GIS community attending GISMO meetings and events. The NYC GISMO President and Board consult with him regularly.

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2026 NYS Geospatial Applications Awards Competition

Do you or your team have a slick GIS App or Project that you are proud of? Do you want to show it off to your GIS peers? The NYS GIS Association is pleased to announce the **GIS Applications Award**. Recognition will be given for the innovative and successful application of geospatial technology and announced at the 2026 NYSGISA Conference event in the Fall. Finalists will have a description of their projects published by the Association as a way of highlighting all the great work being done here in NY.

Your GIS application can be anything from improving a workflow using out-of-the-box tools to a detailed web application for data viewing or collecting. It can be written for use by any number of people, from specific individuals to an entire enterprise or a wide-ranging web audience. So, an application is not just something you download on a

device or code installed somehow in your desktop, it's the use of the technology that matters.

Applications are also rarely implemented by individuals, so the intention of this program is to recognize your entire team, including both stakeholders, technicians, developers and champions. And the results are almost always intended to provide some sort of return on investment, help resolve a particular problem, or enhance productivity in some way. So this Awards program is as much about understanding the problems being solved as it is about the technical solution that got you there. By doing that we hope to help foster greater collaboration and sharing of geospatial solutions across the state and region.

For technical details, see the NYSGIS Association Website.

Eligibility
Any individual, company or organization is eligible to submit a nomination except current members of the Board of Directors, all Committee Chairs and members of the Awards Committee. Your application has to have some relevance in NY and at least one of the stakeholders has to have a physical presence or office in NY.

Procedure
All nominations must be made using this official form. If you have questions or would like some help getting your submission put down in writing, the Awards Committee members are available to assist you. Don't hesitate to contact the Committee Chair Steven Russell with questions or for help with the form.

Finalists will be notified directly, and the award announcements made in September in conjunction with the 2026 NYSGISA event. You may be contacted by a member of the committee for a short interview to help answer questions about your application form prior to the final announcements.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday September 11, 2026**.

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2026 NYS Geospatial Applications Awards Competition Entry Form

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Please use the template below to submit your entry for the 2026 NYS Geospatial Applications Awards Competition. By entering the competition, you grant permission for the NYSGIS Association to publish and publicize your entry.

Required Information

Sponsoring Organization:

Stakeholder/Participant List (by Organization):

Title:

Abstract:

Statement of the Problem:

Response to the Problem:

Results:

Return on Investment:

Key Participants: (Name, Organization, Title)

URL (if applicable):

Contact Information:

Deadline & Submission Information

Please email this completed Entry Form by September 11, 2026 to the NYSGISA Awards Committee at nysgeoawards@gmail.com, with **"GIS Applications: [Name of Submitting Organization]"** in the message Subject line.

Thank you for your submission and Good Luck!

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