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ICAO AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS ESRI GIS AWARD

SAN DIEGO, 11 July 2013 – Esri today congratulated the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for being selected as a winner of the 2013 Esri Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Awards. The awards were presented yesterday in front of a 14,000-strong crowd at the Esri International User Conference in San Diego, California.

Thousands of organizations worldwide are considered for the prestigious Esri prize, which recognizes organizations for their use of the company's ArcGIS geographic information system (GIS) platform to improve our world. ICAO was one of three organizations headquartered in Canada which were selected for recognition by Esri at its 2013 event.

"ICAO is very grateful for Esri's recognition of the work of our Air Navigation Bureau (ANB) in this area, and I would highlight particularly the efforts of Gilbert Lasnier and Magda Morawski, our GIS team, for their determined efforts and innovative results," remarked ICAO Secretary General, Raymond Benjamin. "The GIS tools which ICAO is now able to make available are delivering practical benefits across a range of objectives for States and air transport operators in every corner of the world."

ICAO maintains an extensive online gallery (gis.icao.int/gallery) of maps and apps that help the public develop a better understanding of aeronautical issues and trends. They use story maps to explain numerous complex topics, including year-over-year changes in world traffic flows, air route design and development, progress on operational procedures implementation, global emissions mitigation and forecasts of the spread of viruses via air travel (prototype).

The ICAO GIS site provides the global aviation community with quick access to authoritative spatial data supporting improved situational awareness and decision-making.

"ArcGIS has evolved to support nearly all devices and technology platforms, and is accelerating the way we use geographic information to solve problems," commented Esri Canada President, Alex Miller. "ICAO has embraced the power of ArcGIS to achieve new levels of efficiency, openness and collaboration and its outstanding work is setting new standards for the GIS community."

To view the complete list of the 2013 Esri SAG Award winners, please visit esri.com/sag.

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 191 Member States.

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