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Dear Dr. Tsou:

Congratulations! It is my distinct pleasure as Chairman of the California Geographic Information Association (CGIA) to inform you that the *Department of Geography at San Diego State University* has been selected as the recipient of this year's **CGIA Excellence in GIS Education Award**.

Since 1994, CGIA has annually recognized the leaders and innovators of GIS in California. In making this selection for the 2006 CGIA Excellence in GIS Education Award, the CGIA Awards Committee identified your department as having a number of "best practice" commendable achievements: 1) the breadth of GIS course offerings; 2) the variety of certificate programs (including the joint doctoral program with U.C. Santa Barbara); 3) support and encouragement of student internships, and 4) your department's work with other educational institutions in the development of scaleable GIS curricula.

The award will be formally presented at the closing brunch of this year's CalGIS Conference, to be held on Friday, April 7, 2006 at 10:30 am in Santa Barbara. I hope that you or someone from the Department team will be able to attend the brunch to accept the award. In addition to the commemorative award plaque, the department will be added to the roster of past award recipients on the CGIA website (<http://www.cgia.org/cgia-awards.htm>).

Again, congratulations on the department's selection as this year's CGIA Excellence in GIS Education Award recipient.

Sincerely,

George White

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CGIA Chairman