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APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A LIAISON
WITH AN ISO COMMITTEE OR WORKING GROUP

To be completed by the committee secretariat

Committee (TC/SC number and name) ISO/TC 211 Geographic information/Geomatics	**Liaison category** ☒ A (at the TC/SC level)
Working Group (number and name) Click here to enter text. **NOTE:** only relevant for Category C liaisons	☐ B (at the TC/SC level – category reserved for inter-governmental organizations)
Committee Manager contact details **ISO Member body** Click here to enter text. **Name** Click here to enter text. **Email** Click here to enter text.	☐ C (at the Working Group level)

Application process

An application to establish a liaison with an ISO Committee or Working Group shall be submitted by the applicant organization to the secretariat of that committee.

The committee secretariat shall submit a copy of the application to their Technical Programme Manager at ISO Central Secretariat (ISO/CS) for an eligibility check. ISO/CS will also consult with the National Body (NSB) in the country where the applicant organization is based.

If the application is validated by ISO/CS and there is no objection from the relevant NSB, the committee secretariat shall circulate the application in the committee (e.g. via committee internal ballot) to approve the liaison request.

In case of an objection from the NSB, the application will be referred to the ISO Technical Management Board for decision.

Detailed information concerning the general requirements applicable to liaisons, different categories of liaisons, eligibility criteria, rights and obligations of liaison organizations is contained in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and Consolidated ISO Supplement, Clause 1.17.

To be completed by the applicant organization

Details of the applicant organization

Full title of organization
Open Source Geospatial Foundation
Postal address
9450 SW Gemini Dr, Beaverton, OR 97008 USA
Website
https://www.osgeo.org
Legal status (e.g. Ltd Co., S.A., Sarl, GmbH)
501c(4) non profit corporation

Eligibility criteria

Please attach a copy of the organization's statutes to this application (or add a hyperlink, if available online) and refer to relevant clauses of the statutes below, where applicable
Hyperlink: https://www.osgeo.org/wp-content/uploads/osgeo_certificate.pdf

The applicant confirms that the organization

☒ **is not for profit**

Details / relevant clause in statutes
OSGeo has US 501(c)(4) legal status as a not-for-profit organization

☒ **is a legal entity**
(**NOTE:** this is a requirement only for Category A or B liaisons)

Details / relevant clause in statutes
https://www.osgeo.org/legal-information
https://www.osgeo.org/wp-content/uploads/osgeo_certificate.pdf

☒ **is membership-based and open to members worldwide or over a broad region**
(**NOTE:** this is a requirement only for Category A or B liaisons)

Details / relevant clause in statutes

OSGeo is a membership-based organization with volunteers from across the world.
Membership is open to anyone at various levels (participant, member, charter member).

https://www.osgeo.org/about/board
https://www.osgeo.org/about/membership-rules

☒ **through its activities and membership demonstrates that it has the competence and expertise to contribute to the development of International Standards or the authority to promote their implementation**

Details / relevant clause in statutes

OSGeo participates in other relevant standards bodies (such as the Open Geospatial Consortium: https://www.osgeo.org/resources/ogc-memorandum-understanding), and related activities (such as the OSGeo UN Initiative: https://www.osgeo.org/initiatives/un-initiative). Given the natural synergy between Open Source and Open Standards, numerous OSGeo projects implement Open Standards, to promote interoperability and data sharing.

☒ **has a process for stakeholder engagement and consensus decision-making to develop the input it provides (see Guidance for ISO liaison organizations – Engaging stakeholders and building consensus http://www.iso.org/iso/guidance_liaison-organizations.pdf)**

Details / relevant clause in statutes

OSGeo charter members elect a 9 member board of directors who appoint officers and work together set the vision and goals for the foundation. The board empowers a set of committees and volunteers to execute on these goals.

More information on open and transparent decision-making processes documented at https://www.osgeo.org/about/membership-rules

Justification for liaison request

Reason for Liaison request
Information sharing between TC211 activities and OSGeo
Expected benefits for applicant
Raise awareness of TC211 standards and activities and OSGeo community membership
Expected benefits for TC/SC/WG
Increased adoption of relevant TC211 standards (data, services, metadata) into free and open source software
Short, medium and long-term goals of liaison
OSGeo membership has increased awareness of TC211 activities and evolving standards TC211 has increased awareness of standards-based implementations and requirements/feedback from OSGeo membership

Details of liaison representatives

Contact details of liaison representative(s)
Name: Angelos Tzotsos Email: tzotsos@osgeo.org Name: Tom Kralidis Email: tomkralidis@gmail.com Comments / additional representatives Victoria Rautenbach (victoria.rautenbach@gmail.com)

Signature of the applicant

☒	I am aware of the responsibilities and obligations of liaison organizations, as outlined in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and Consolidated ISO Supplement, Clause 1.17.
Name Click here to enter text. Angelos Tzotsos OSGeo President	**Date** 10/06/2020 Click here to enter a date.