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**CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN SURVEYING
The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards**

The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards are presented for excellence in the profession of surveying in three categories:

- *“Innovation in Geomatics”* recognizes a project that involved the most innovation either by methods such as applying innovative methods in a survey project or using never or seldom used technology to solve a survey problem.
- *“Contribution to Society”* recognizes a project that has the most positive impact on society, such as important involvement in new infrastructure in Third World countries, major contribution in cases of natural disasters, or technological transfer or capacity building in less fortunate communities.
- *“Unusual Applications in Geomatics”* recognizes a project that applied survey methods and technology to solve the most unusual technical problem such as surveying in an unusual environment or applying mathematics solutions in uncommon circumstances.

This year, the sixth annual David Thompson Awards were presented at the National Surveyors’ Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario on June 21, 2013, during the Gala dinner.



In the category *Innovation in Geomatics*, the winner was David Tulloch from Tulloch Engineering Inc. (pictured left receiving his award from ACLS president Estelle Moisan) for the project entitled “Terrestrial LiDAR Scanning for Mining Applications”. Finalists for this award were Tim Blak from Tulloch Mapping Solutions Inc. and Travis Hartwick from Stantec Geomatics Inc. for “Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport Mobile LiDAR Survey for Boeing Bump Index”; and Daniel Lachance from Altus Geomatics Limited Partnership for “Job safety analysis using online task hazard library”.



In the category *Contribution to Society*, the winner was Jim Christie (pictured left receiving his award from ACLS president Estelle Moisan) from McElhanney Associates for the project entitled “LiDAR Reveals Hidden Angkor Ruins”. The finalist in this category was David Tulloch from Tulloch Engineering Inc. for the project entitled “Terrestrial LiDAR Scanning for Mining Applications”.

In the category *Unusual Applications in Geomatics*, the winners were Tim Blak from Tulloch Mapping Solutions Inc. and Travis Hartwick from Stantec Geomatics Inc. (pictured below receiving their awards from ACLS president Estelle Moisan) for the project entitled “Ottawa

Macdonald-Cartier International Airport Mobile LiDAR Survey for Boeing Bump Index”. The finalists in this category were Jim Christie from McElhanney Associates for “LiDAR Reveals Hidden Angkor Ruins”; and Andrew Leyzack from Canadian Hydrographic Services for the Franklin Expedition project.

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS) introduced the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program in cooperation with all professional surveying associations across Canada through the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS) (Now Professional Surveyors Canada (PSC)).



The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program is open to all commissioned surveyors who are members of a Canadian surveying association, submitting projects that have been completed within the last three years. The deadline for submissions is Monday March 31, 2014.



The ACLS is a national self-regulating professional association that is the licensing body for professionals surveying in the three Canadian territories, in the Federal parks, on Aboriginal reserves, as well as on and under the surface of Canada’s oceans. It has over 640 members located across Canada (and the world), with expertise in surveying, photogrammetry, remote sensing, geodesy, hydrography and land information systems. For details, please visit: www.acls-aatc.ca

Conceived, developed, and run by Canadian surveyors, Professional Surveyors Canada is dedicated to building and enabling a strong multi-faceted community of surveying professionals committed to exceeding expectations. <http://www.psc-gpc.ca>

For more details on the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program, please visit: <http://www.acls-aatc.ca/en/node/27>

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