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Roanoke County Receives Special Achievement Award for Exceptional Application of Geospatial Technology

August 13, 2014 — Roanoke County received a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award at the Esri International User Conference (Esri UC) in San Diego, California held July 16, 2014. This award acknowledges vision, leadership, hard work and innovative use of Esri's geographic information system (GIS) technology.

Roanoke County uses Esri ArcGIS technology to leverage the Esri ArcGIS Platform, Pictometry, Google StreetView and MS SQL Server 2008 R2 to create single-focused GIS applications for casual and citizen users. The Maps and Apps Gallery found at <http://gis.roanokecountyva.gov/> allows users to quickly Get In, Get Information and Get Out. Each App has familiar functions and features which increases customer adoption and satisfaction. Organizations from around the world honored at the Esri UC span industries including agriculture, cartography, climate change, defense and intelligence, economic development, education, government, health and human services, telecommunications, and utilities.

"The SAG Awards identify the organizations and people that are using the power of geography to improve our world and drive change," says Esri president Jack Dangermond. "At Esri, we are always deeply inspired by the passion and innovation of our users. They deserve recognition for both solving their communities' greatest challenges and for their invaluable contributions to the continued evolution of geographic science."

For more information about the 2014 Special Achievement in GIS Award winners, including project information and photos, please visit www.esri.com/sag.

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ITEM NO. _____

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Recognition of Roanoke County receiving a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award.

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Hunter
Director, Communications & Information Technology

APPROVED BY: Dan O'Donnell
Acting County Administrator

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

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