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Subject: Support to Maps4Society

Dear Mr. Versluis,

It is with great interest that we learned about your initiative to develop a consortium Maps4Society. From our role as University of applied sciences, and therefore both innovator and educator within GI, this is important to us: we are educating the employees of the future, in a dynamic setting with is influenced by both society and business – on a regional, national and international level.

HAS University of Applied Sciences is the dynamic centre of the food and agribusiness. It is building its own supporting role in the innovation of the knowledge infrastructure in the sector, both in the Netherlands as Internationally. With the department Geo Media and Design and knowledge development as a part of the DNA of our institute, we intend to be a part of development en innovations within GI.

We support your consortium and your programme because we see the following benefits for our organisation and the Dutch community:

- Creating showcases of utilization in eight out of the nine top sectors in the Netherlands
- Improving the international position within GI
- HAS University of Applied Sciences emphasizes on economic impact and entrepreneurship, in the curricula and in business projects. GI can add an extra dimension in these activities and, eventually: add value
- Conducting a national centre of applied research in our facility Geolab
- Keeping our education up to date with international GI-showcases that come forth of the consortium

We hereby declare that our organisation is open to discuss opportunities for contributions to project proposals, in particular creating new products and services in the green domain: agro, food and life sciences, using new knowledge, open data and technology. Our Facility Geolab is available as a meeting place and experimental area for professionals, with high tech technical infrastructure, expertise of lecturers, and of course projects with young professionals: our students.

Maps4Society is an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for the Dutch industry to improve and extend their business. Maps4Society will enable the Netherlands science community to reach and keep a top level position in a broad range of domains. It will allow us to play a leading role in the research and innovation into open, shared, and linked location data and how it can be used in many fields of application.

Yours Faithfully,

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