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## PIMA COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) RECEIVES SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN GIS

**Pima County, Arizona-** The Pima County Geographic Information System (GIS) was recently honored with a *Special Achievement in GIS Award*. This award was presented by the Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) president and founder Jack Dangermond in a ceremony on June 20, 2007 in San Diego, California.

The Pima County GIS Department was selected from over 100,000 GIS sites worldwide. This award acknowledges Pima County's success in the development of a full-service geographic-based decision-support system which provides information to a wide-range of users in local government and the community. Pima County ranks among the top GIS sites in the world.

Pima County's GIS library currently contains more than one thousand data layers, many of which are viewed daily over the web-based mapping systems. GIS can be used to apply the science of geography to help solve real problems, communicate better, understand a situation and work effectively towards a solution.

"The Pima County GIS Department has worked diligently to create this invaluable GIS system that benefits the entire Pima County region and the global world of knowledge," said John Regan, Manager of the Pima County Public Works GIS Office.

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