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# Press Release

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## MWRD IT Department wins award for ESRI



*(L - R) Josh Domina, GIS analyst; Martin Monaghan, GIS Analyst; Patrick Sendera, Systems Analyst; Rahul Agarwal, Information Technology Manager; and Scott Ecklund, Applications Developer*

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Information Technology Department's Josh Domina and Patrick Sendera accepted a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award on behalf of the MWRD at the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) User Conference in San Diego, CA.

Martin Monaghan and Scott Ecklund were not at the award presentation but contributed to the project. The group is managed by Rahul Agarwal.

The SAG Awards selected institutions from around the world to acknowledge pioneering use of geospatial technology to solve some of the world's most pressing issues. Organizations were selected from government, agriculture, environmental analysis, emergency response, retail, and water management. Headquartered in Redlands, CA, ESRI president and founder Jack Dangermond, selected the recipients and presided over the ceremony.

The MWRD was among the organizations that set new precedents in location intelligence innovation and was the only U.S. Water/Wastewater/Stormwater organization to win the award.

"We are very proud of the work that our IT Department has undertaken to bring our systems up to date in the 21st century," said MWRD Commissioner Josina Morita, chair of the MWRD IT Committee. "To be the only wastewater/stormwater organization to receive this award is truly an honor."

ESRI is an international supplier of geographic information system (GIS) software, web GIS and geodatabase management applications.

For more information go to <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/sag-awards>.

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*Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwr.org](http://www.mwr.org)) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*