

# IDeA and Intelligent Addressing Announce the 2008 NLPG and NSG Exemplar Awards



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Press release

The 2008 NLPG and NSG Exemplar Awards recognise the outstanding service delivery, effort, commitment and innovation by local authorities, fire and police in the creation, maintenance and utilisation of the National Land & Property Gazetteer (NLPG) and National Street Gazetteer (NSG). Intelligent Addressing and the Improvement and Development Agency will jointly present the awards at a one-day conference *'Underpinning Transformational Government – everything happens somewhere'* to be held at the Birmingham ICC on the 16th October 2008.

The NLPG and NSG are two key initiatives to join up systems, improve efficiency and service delivery. The identification of 'place' is absolutely vital to the function of government; everything happens somewhere and all services are delivered based upon knowledge of location. The NLPG and the NSG are the building blocks that enable systems and organisations to join up and collaborate.

The sharing of accurate address information across local government departments is a vital component in the drive to facilitate and improve service delivery and regional cooperation. The NLPG makes this possible through linking local authorities' Local Land & Property Gazetteers. Similarly the NSG links local authorities' Local Street Gazetteers and is a key data-set supporting the NLPG, traffic management and the vital coordination of street works.

Thanks to the MSA (Mapping Services Agreement) there is a contractual framework to maintain and share gazetteers with councils, police forces, fire services, national parks and many other local organisations, which can now benefit from using the same data. This shared data structure leads not only to improved service delivery, less error and duplication but also to a constantly improving data resource as all parties contribute change information for the benefit of all.

John Hayes, Director at IDeA, said, "We are delighted to be able to announce the 2008 NLPG and NSG Exemplar awards and the 'Underpinning Transformational Government' Conference. The combined event not only acknowledges the hard work and vision of those

creating and working with the NLPG and the NSG but also acts as a platform to encourage others to learn by their example, to improve efficiency, deliver better services and bring about closer collaboration across the country".

#### **Notes to Editors:**

The Award categories are:

#### **NLPG**

##### **Most improved**

This category will be judged by the NLPG Custodian

##### **Most creative use**

Most creative use of the NLPG or LLPG by either a creating or receiving authority

##### **Best business transformation**

Best example of using the LLPG for internal business process transformation or re-engineering - including Best e-service delivery

##### **Best use of NLPG data by a partner**

Best use of the NLPG or LLPG by police, fire or a local partnership, including county wide collaborations

#### **NSG**

##### **Most improved**

This category will be judged by the NSG Custodian

##### **Best Streetworks application**

Best Streetworks application based on the NSG or LSG

##### **Most innovative use of Additional Street Data**

Most innovative use of ASD by a Statutory Undertaker, highway authority or local authority

##### **Most creative use of Level 3 NSG**

Most creative use of the NSG at Level 3 by a Statutory Undertaker, highway authority or local authority

##### **Best integrated use of the NLPG and NSG**

Best example of linking the NLPG and NSG between applications and directorates or best example of business processes used to coordinate NLPG and NSG update protocols

##### **Best integration of the NSG and NLPG**

This category will be judged by NLPG and NSG Custodians

For further information about the 'Underpinning Transformational Government' conference please visit: [www.nlpg.org.uk](http://www.nlpg.org.uk) or [www.thensg.org.uk](http://www.thensg.org.uk)

**The NLPG** was initiated in 1999 to become the master address dataset for England and Wales and the central hub for the 376 address creating Local Authorities and their Local Land and Property Gazetteers (LLPGs). Based on unique sixteen digit property reference numbers (UPRNs) the underlying principle of these gazetteers is to provide a single definitive address database for all departments and systems across a local authority in order to cut costs, improve efficiency and service delivery.

The benefits also go beyond service delivery. Fraud prevention, tax collection and disaster planning all benefit from the fact that each property is given a 'Unique Property Reference Number' which transcends (property) numbers, names, descriptions (such as 'The Nursing Home') and the Postcode. UPRNs are assigned for the full life of the plot and/or building from planning approval to demolition.

[www.nlpg.org.uk](http://www.nlpg.org.uk)

### **NSG**

Required under the New Roads and Street Works Act, the National Street Gazetteer (NSG) is a comprehensive list of over 1 million named and un-named streets, footpaths and thoroughfares, the definitive source for anyone with an interest in streets and their usage. There are over 300 organisations, utilities such as gas, water and electricity, BT, plus cable and communications companies, named as 'Statutory Undertakers' approved by the Department of Transport to download this data, which conforms to the BS7666:1-2000 Standard.

[Www.thensg.org.uk](http://www.thensg.org.uk)

**The Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA)** works in partnership with all councils, to enhance the performance of the best, accelerate the speed of improvement of the rest, and develop the sector as a whole.

Working in partnership with the local government community developing national infrastructure projects that enable councils to deliver local services more effectively, LGIH acts as an intermediary between the public and the private sector enabling it to negotiate with private companies on behalf of local authorities in order to provide key parts of a technical infrastructure for improved service delivery.

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**Intelligent Addressing** is a specialist private sector consultancy (an SME) employing recognised experts in addressing. It was originally set up to help develop the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) on behalf of local government and now manages the NLPG and NSG (National Street Gazetteer) central data hubs under the terms of the Mapping Services Agreement (MSA) with local government.

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