

Merrick Awarded LAGF 2015 Land Management Project of the Year



Merrick México, a subsidiary of Merrick & Company, in alliance with the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas (UAT) and the Government of the State of Tamaulipas, received an International Geospatial Excellence Award in the Management Administration category given by the global organisation Geospatial Media and Communications (GM+C), for the implementation of the programme "Cadastral Modernization of Tamaulipas State, Mexico".

The award was presented recently during the Latin American Geospatial Forum (LAGF 2015) in Mexico City, which was attended by authorities of the Ministry of Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU), the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), as well as a wide variety of agencies, companies and universities from many Latin American countries which focus

on the management of the geospatial information.

Cadastral management system

The programme receiving the award developed a multi-phased cadastral management system, updated property data based on existing records and new photogrammetry, and standardised property valuation workflows that now allow the State and Municipalities to efficiently generate legal documentation of property ownership and its transactional history. The system developed by Merrick has been strategically implemented in 41 municipalities of the State over the past three years.

The primary tasks of this programme included: 1) normalise property records; 2) standardise property valuation regulations; 3) create on-going parcel maintenance process; 4) assure accuracy and transparency of records; 5) link ownership data to property maps; 6) distribute data to other agencies that can leverage the updated data; and, 7) allow public access to data with an easy to navigate internet web portal.

CadastrePro

In addition to consulting, property mapping, and photogrammetry responsibilities, Merrick also installed its customisable property and tax management application called CadastrePro. CadastrePro integrates functionality of geospatial systems, and provides web portal access into an effective operational workflow that has become the standard cadastre front-end for the entire state. The objective of the programme was not to create a tax map, but a sustainable tax management system that improves revenue generation for each municipality.

To accept the LAGF 2015 Excellence Award were representatives from the UAT, Tamaulipas State, and Merrick.

Merrick México, Merrick & Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, maintains offices in Guadalajara and Mexico City. Merrick México is an exclusive satellite imagery and software reseller for Mexico. In addition, Merrick México offers airborne mapping and geospatial services in Central and South America from its offices in Mexico.

For more information about Merrick & Company, visit www.merrick.com/news.