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Dear professor van Oosterom,

With great interest we learned about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility Maps4Science. As Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (Kadaster) we support the development of this facility which will enable to renew and improve the research methods. It will also serve as a focal point to combine efforts in GI Science and to create scientific value beyond our individual abilities. Therefore our organisation will support your application at NWO.

Kadaster is a key player in the registration of real estate, property rights and topographic information and the information provision of these data. Moreover we have a central role in eGovernment in the distribution of for example information on buildings and addresses, cables and pipelines.

Part of our legal task is to make our information available and accessible to parties in the land market and society at large. In this context Kadaster is involved in het project PDOK (Publieke Dienstverlening Op de Kaart), where together with other national public geodata providers we work to improve the accessibility and distribution of public geographical data. The Maps4Science initiative improves the access of the scientific community to the geo-information available on top of this basic government information infrastructure.

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For the Kadaster interesting parts of the project are the Digital Right Management, GII-research and the Living Lab. The access and use of data (DRM) is closely related to our legal tasks and the optimal accessibility of data. The research program leads to innovations in concepts and processes in the geo-information community (which we can then incorporate in our business processes or products). More and more integrated approaches are needed to tackle problems in society (climate change, sustainability, integrated planning) and we are convinced that spatial information is part of the solutions. Moreover this research will strengthen the geo-information infrastructure. The living lab serves as an opportunity the work together with government, research institutes and private companies to innovate the geo-information sector. It will provide a structural facility where we can share ideas and keep our GI-sector at the required high level it currently has.

Kind regards,



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