
Subject: Re: A Plea for Fair Behavior

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 09 Feb 2011 16:38:12 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Guillermo writes:

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>> I know is none of my business, but have you considered adding a Google

>> Checkout button in your website? That way people who are willing to

>> contribute to supporting the free services you provide to the

>> community could do so. Hawthorne Beyer, a guy who is famous in the

>> ESRI user community for providing for free awesome tools, has

>> circumvented the legal intricacies of international donations by

>> asking folks to support the project by purchasing "consulting

>> services" that will result in the improvement of the software ([http://](http://www.spatial ecology.com/gme/gmepurchasing.htm)

>> www.spatial ecology.com/gme/gmepurchasing.htm).

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> Timely advice. I am setting up a new store front now.

> I'll give this some serious thought. :-)

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> I've always had a button to accept donations on my

> web page, and I have always matched those donations

> one-to-one and sent any receipts to various charities.

> I had visions at one point of becoming a community

> philanthropist. Alas, the expected "donations" did not

> materialize. It has amounted to perhaps \$1000 donated,

> even with my matching funds, over the past 10 years.

I'm confused. I have several times thought to donate to your website for the work you do/services you provide, but I

always interpreted the donation button as "any \$\$ donated will be forwarded onto a charity, with matching \$\$.

The two things that occur to me are:

1) If I wanted to donate to a charity, I would do it myself.

2) If you are matching any donations, you obviously don't need any donations for your IDL efforts to begin with.

Oh, and yes, I have become a total curmudgeon (I blame living in DC for 10+ years :o)

cheers,

paulv
